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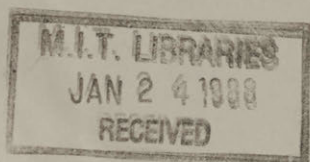
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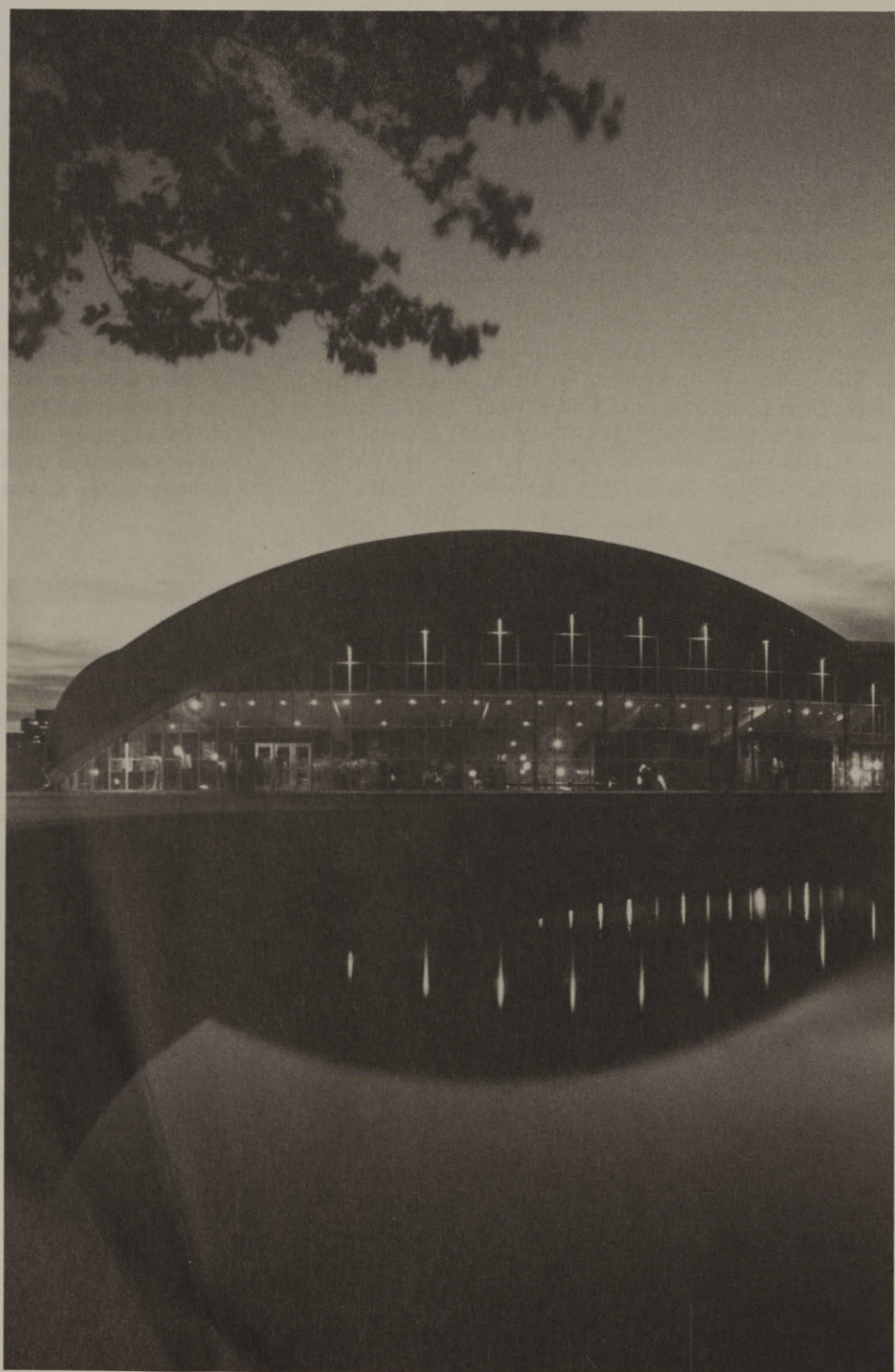


# About This Book . . .

**HowToGAMIT** is written and distributed by the Technology Community Association (TCA) as an introductory handbook for all new members of the MIT community and as a quick reference guide to MIT and the Boston area. Although TCA is primarily a student organization, employees, faculty, and other members of the MIT community all work on the book to make it as up-to-date and useful as possible. If you would like to help with next year's edition, or have updated and improved information, please send us a feedback sheet. Feedback sheets are attached in the back of the book.

The text is organized into four sections. *Help!!* is a guide for those having difficulties of virtually any type. *All About MIT* is exactly that: academia, paying your tuition (\$12500 is TDM), housing options, and student activities. *In and Around Boston* tells you how to get from here to there as well as where to eat, where to shop, and where to go once you're there. Finally, *etc.* are odds and ends that don't really fit in anywhere else — like the MIT Drinking Song and a guide to Bostonian and MIT phraseology, as well as a list of all the building names, their architects and their corresponding numbers (for all you trivia buffs).





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# Help!!

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# Emergency Information

## **FIRE, MEDICAL, POLICE**

Call x-100 or dl-100 for emergency medical or police service. Medical care after office hours is available at the Medical Department (E23, 253-1311). Ambulance Service is available from Campus Police 24 hours a day. Campus residents who do not have a dormline/centrex phone should dial 253-1212. Those who live off-campus should call their local emergency number (911 in most places).

## **PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, PSYCHIATRIST**

The Medical Department (Building E23, x3-1311 or x3-4481) always has a physician, a surgeon, and a psychiatrist on call. The psychiatrist especially can be consulted in confidence about anything from home troubles to a bad trip.

## **ARREST**

If you are arrested, call Campus Police (253-2997, or x3-2997). Lest you forget, the number is on the back of your ID card. In nearly all cases, Campus Police will help you seek release from custody on personal recognizance, on bail, or through arrangements with a bondsman. Don't plead guilty — ask for a "continuance." (Campus Police will explain this and more when you call.)

## **DEAN ON CALL**

There is always a dean on call, even after office hours. To reach him or her for any reason call Campus Police (253-1212, or dl-8191) and ask for the Dean on Call.

## **GENERAL HELP**

Call Nightline (x3-8800). They are student-staffed from 7 PM to 7 AM and keep all calls confidential.

## **MONEY**

### **During Office Hours**

**Undergrads:** Go to the Financial Aid Office (5-119, x3-4971) to request a loan (which may be approved within a few minutes). Then go to the Student Accounts Office (E19-215, x3-4132, open 9-5), and finally to the Cashier's Office (10-180, open 9-3).

Alternatively, you can start at the Dean's Office (5-106, x3-4861 or 7-133, x3-6776).

**Grads:** You can get an advance on your fellowship money if necessary; go to the Graduate Student Office (3-138, x3-4860). If you are not on fellowship or need a loan, use the procedure described above for undergraduates.

### **After Hours**

Contact the Dean-on-Call (see above), who can clear you for money from the Campus Police emergency fund. If you're off campus the money may even be wired to you.

## **PHYSICAL PLANT**

Call x3-4948 (F-IXIT) anytime for problems, from electrical failure to floods.

# Help!

Sometimes the Institute can seem to be a pretty cold place, especially when things aren't going well and you're looking for a place to turn for help. Fortunately MIT takes its responsibility to provide support services very seriously, which means there are lots of safety nets around if you know where to look for them.

*Don't be afraid to ask!* Often the hardest step in solving your problem is just asking for help. If the first contact doesn't get you what you want, *try someone else*. There are lots of places to go and people to talk to when you need someone with a listening ear or with a little power to help you with your hassle. Besides the resources below don't forget about your advisor, housemaster, graduate resident, or an instructor you trust as sources of advice. Department heads are a valuable resource for graduate students.

## Office of the Dean for Student Affairs

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) is actually composed of several offices. If you have a problem or are faced with a serious question, or even a small one, the ODSA is a good place to go. The deans have an extensive knowledge of both the Institute and student problems. All of the deans are willing to talk with students; that's their job. They can direct you to helping resources, relay comments or complaints to the appropriate people, or initiate a look into (and sometimes change of) established policies in your behalf. Although the staff of each section works primarily in its respective area, feel free to talk to any of them. It is likely, though, that you will get greater satisfaction from a dean whose duties or interests match your problem.

The Dean's Office is concerned with the student's living and learning environment. It represents the interests and welfare of students and is concerned with the growth of students both as individuals and as members of the academic community. It is the purpose of the Dean's Office to support and to complement the academic program at MIT.

At present, the Dean's Office is composed of four principal sections with these subsections:

*Dean for Student Affairs; Dean Shirley McBay*

*1. Undergraduate Academic Support Office:*

Freshman Advising

Undergraduate and Freshman Seminars

Undesignated Sophomore Advising

Support to the Committee on Academic Performance

Academic Information Center

Study Skills Support Sessions

Registrar Branch Office and Registration Information Center

Independent Activities Period Office

Residence/Orientation Week Planning Center

MIT/Wellesley Exchange Information

*2. Student Assistance Services; Dean Robert Randolph:*

Student Counseling

International Students Office

Support to Minority Students

Support to Women Students

Support to Handicapped Students



### *3. Residence and Campus Activities; Dean James Tewhey:*

Institute Dining Programs

Undergraduate and Graduate Housing

Student Activities Information

Scheduling for Kresge, Chapel, Student Center

Fraternity/Sorority and Independent Living Group Advising

### *4. Office of Minority Education*

Project Interphase

Tutorial Services

Seminar Series

A more detailed description of each of these sections follows.

## **Undergraduate Academic Support Office; Room 7-104; x3-6771**

The UASO was primarily founded as a freshman advising office, but it hopes that in later years upperclassmen will think back and remember that this is where they can still get help as upperclassmen. This office serves as the departmental office for all freshman and undesignated sophomores. Academic advisors for those people are assigned here. The office also performs other functions, such as publishing the freshman newsletter. It serves as an information center and registrar branch office for all undergrads. It has most of the forms and fact-sheets that you will ever need. And if something isn't there, the staff will certainly know where to obtain it. The UASO says its policy is "removing the Institute screw", but don't always expect miracles. Also, if you have a problem with a member of the faculty or administration, don't automatically assume that the UASO will take your side (though it usually will).

The Undergraduate and Freshman Seminar Programs are administered through the UASO. The seminars are introductory-level classes in various topics. The content of each is determined by the professor teaching it and is designed to stimulate interest in the field. Seminars often have more applicants than they can accept, so advance registration is recommended. A booklet is published twice a year noting the coming term's seminars. If you cannot find a copy of the booklet, just ask for one in the UASO.

The UASO can accept materials which need to be delivered to the registrar's office, which means that add/drop cards can be delivered here on the deadlines and be considered on time. The people here know the answers to most registration-type questions, so you can save yourself a trip across campus by stopping in here.

The UASO also sponsors several programs a year to help students improve their study skills. If you feel that you might benefit from one of these seminars (or would like to lead one) contact Susanna Hinds in this office.

The IAP/Wellesley Exchange section of this office (7-108, x3-1668) can help you with information on either of these topics.

*All generalizations are false, including this one.*

— Mark Twain

## Student Assistance Services; Room 5-106; x3-4861

The staff in SAS assist both undergrad and grad students with a wide range of issues. The principal function of the office is to provide individual personal counseling services. This office is equipped and designed to solve continuing or major problems, as well as short problems and quick solutions. International students, women, gay students, and handicapped students also receive special assistance from this division of the Dean's office for programs and ideas especially concerned with their respective groups.

Students can call or visit the *Student Counseling* service (5-106, x3-4861) to talk about their questions, plans, or problems. Whether your concerns are academic, administrative, career, financial, family, residential, social, legal, or personal, the people in this service are interested in hearing from you. Your problems will be kept strictly confidential. The staff of this office maintains close working relations with the psychiatric service (read the *Psychiatrists* section in this chapter before you make any pre-judged decisions about psychiatry) and with Nightline, the student-run help program (also described in this chapter).

The counseling staff handles withdrawals, readmissions, and excused absences from final examinations. Students are often referred to the counseling staff by their instructors, advisors, housemasters, and fellow students. Because the counseling staff meets with the Committee on Academic Performance and has a cooperative relationship with the many Institute offices, including Student Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Registrar, and the Medical Department, many students find it helpful to discuss issues involving these groups with the counselors.

Student Assistance has special concerns for handicapped students, for gay students, for women students, and for international students.

*Handicapped students* should contact Dean Arnold Henderson in the SAS (5-106, x3-4861) to help implement special arrangements which may be necessary to overcome barriers in the environment. Each case is given individual attention and concern. A brochure, *Services for the Disabled Student at MIT* (also available in large print and on cassette) is available in this office.

This section also supports the academic and personal well-being of *women students* and *minority students* by developing and coordinating specific programs and by responding to the concerns of individual students. Their goal is to help ensure that the MIT environment will be supportive of minorities and women, and attractive to prospective students from these groups. Women are encouraged to speak with Dean Jacqueline Simonis; minorities with Dean Marilyn Braithwaite.

The *International Students Advisor*, Dean Milena Levak (5-106, x3-4861), helps to coordinate programs and activities, provides support to various international student organizations, assists international students in matters relating to their immigration status, and provides support for the Host Family program, voluntarily run by the MIT Women's League. International students should consult with a member of the staff before taking any action which may affect their status in the United States. Formerly Foreign Study was also handled through this office, but it has now been moved to Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4733).



Dean Levak also supports orientation activities for graduate international students. In addition to the support provided by this office, Ms. Charlotte Schwartz, sociologist in the Medical Department (E23-376, x3-2916) will be glad to provide assistance or information to international students.

*I think the world is ready for the story of an ugly duckling, who grew up to remain an ugly duckling, and lived happily ever after.*

— Chuck

### **Residence and Campus Activities; Room 7-133; x3-4051 (also Room W20-500, x3-7974)**

MIT's residence program tries to create a living space that facilitates personal and social growth while supporting academic progress. The policies and facilities are made in the spirit of providing housing of high quality. They encourage responsibility and constructive social behavior.

The staff in the residence division of the Dean's Office administers Institute housing policy and coordinates the residential programs. They make dormitory assignments, handle room switches, and decide rent changes and adjustments. They also provide support and funding to the faculty housemasters and graduate residents. They work with residential government groups on programs, problems, and issues of concern to the students. RCA also provides advising to the fraternities, sororities, and other independent living groups.

The RCA office provides counsel to individual students on housing availability and options. There is great diversity in lifestyle and rules among the different dorms, and the Residence Office can be useful in matching a student to a dorm with his or her particular interests or needs. It also handles the Institute Dining Program and supports the independent living groups.

This section of the Dean's Office also provides support to the undergraduate and graduate student governments as well as to a wide spectrum of co-curricular activities. If you have ideas for a new student activity, this is the office to contact for help in getting it started. (Also, see **Running an Activity** later in this book). The Dean's Office recognizes the importance and value of student-initiated programs, activities, and student-run organizations: they provide a wide variety of experiences which supplement academic learning. They also provide opportunities for recreation, leadership, and types of learning that could never be found in a classroom.

This office also handles facilities scheduling for Kresge Auditorium, the Chapel, the Student Center, and Walker Memorial. Information about activities formation, location, space, and budgeting are also available here. Working with the Campus Police, this office assists campus residents and group leaders with parking requests.

*The error of youth is to believe that intelligence is a substitute for experience, while the error of age is to believe that experience is a substitute for intelligence.*

— Lyman Bryson



## Office of Minority Education, Room 7-143; x3-5010

The OME actively pursues the building of a more effective undergraduate academic support structure throughout the Institute for all undergraduates, with a special concern for underrepresented minority students. Programs and activities generated by the Office are based on a commitment to have all students fully engage the educational opportunities within the Institute. The specific programs and resources are offered to maximize the opportunities for underrepresented minority groups, and to educate the MIT community toward that end. In addition to programs, the Office conducts research on the retention and adjustment of minority students, in order to bring new insights to areas of concern for all students.

*Project Interphase* is a summer academic orientation program which provides an opportunity for incoming underrepresented minority students to learn about the Institute and its resources prior to the fall term. Project Interphase has several objectives: (1) to assist freshmen in developing and sharpening their knowledge of and facility with those quantitative skills and verbal concepts that are essential for successful academic performance at MIT, (2) to encourage individual development of study habits and discipline for a smooth transition into the first year, and (3) to introduce students to MIT, its support services, and the surrounding community under conditions somewhat moderated from those which characterize the fall and spring semesters. The program includes eight weeks of chemistry, humanities, math, and physics courses, as well as a comprehensive review of all the academic programs and options open to freshman.

The OME *Tutorial Services* was founded by members of the Black Student Union. Although now administered by the OME, it is still coordinated by students. It is open to all students, but is especially intended to augment the academic assistance minority students receive from the departments, to enhance their success at MIT.

Tutors in the program and OME staff work with the departments to offer the best resources to students through this evening program. The staff is composed of undergraduate and graduate students who are hired for their expertise in particular courses and their commitment to the academic success of undergraduates. The Program operates in Room 12-124 Sunday through Thursday nights 8:30-11, and is open for additional hours during exam periods and by special request.

A *Seminar Series* called *Secrets and Strategies for Academic Success* introduces students to the academic and non-academic resources within the MIT community. The seminars serve to: (1) promote an effective undergraduate experience, (2) provide valuable contacts and resources, and (3) explore post-baccalaureate and professional pathways.

Finally, OME conducts research on the retention and adjustment of minority students to learn more about the variables and conditions in the environment which influence their matriculation at MIT. Studies are also conducted with other departments and offices within the Institute to address different facets of students' adjustment such as the use of Institute resources.

## Other Counseling Resources

*I don't take life too seriously . . . after all, I won't get out of it alive.*

Park St. Graffiti Board

### Psychiatrists

The Institute psychiatrists (E23-376, x3-2916) are good people to talk with. Whether you have problems (*any* problems), opinions on some subject, an idea you want to run up a flagpole or just want to see what makes them tick, invite one to your living group for dinner or go see them.

There are about twelve doctors on the staff, and as with the deans, it's OK to ask for a particular clinician if you know him or her. The wait is generally one week from the time you make the appointment. If you really need to talk to someone immediately, you can usually find a psychiatrist to see you the same day you call, but you must make it clear to the receptionist that you need to see someone urgently. Alternatively, you can see the clinic doctor, without an appointment, any day 11-12 am or 3-4 pm.

Most of the people who consult the psychiatric staff are psychologically indistinguishable from the general MIT population, and can *in no way* be classified as sick or disturbed. If some problem is bothering you, even if it is identical with those that everyone else faces, don't hesitate to visit the psychiatric staff. They can keep small difficulties from becoming larger or merely facilitate the solving of problems you could have solved yourself. Any stigma attached to visiting them is entirely your own creation.

Psychiatric records are kept separate from all others, including regular Medical Department records. The psychiatrist cannot legally discuss you with anyone outside the staff unless you sign a release; even then you can specify the type of information to be released. The system is designed to maintain confidentiality. Only the psychiatric staff can use them; not Paul Gray, not the FBI, not the CIA, not *anybody* else. This system protects patient and doctor alike.

If for any reason you don't hit it off with one psychiatrist feel free to *call another*. You can switch without apology or explanation. Nobody will ask any questions.

A psychiatrist is on call 24 hours a day through the MIT Medical Department (Building E23, x3-1311 or x3-4481). See **Emergency Information**.

If you would like some kind of long-term counseling, and MIT Psychiatry does not suit your needs, they can provide you with a list of off-campus possibilities covering a range of cost options. (If you have MIT outside hospitalization insurance, it will cover at least part of the cost of seeing someone off-campus.) One of the possibilities which has a good reputation and is reasonably close to campus is the outpatient psychiatric department of Cambridge Hospital (1493 Cambridge St. — near Inman Square, 498-1150). Call them, and they will set up an evaluation appointment for you. You can also get referrals from McLean Hospital (115 Mill St., Belmont, 855-2000). Sometimes talking to someone with a non-MIT point of view can do wonders.

*Charlie Brown: Why was I put on this earth?*

*Linus: To make others happy.*

*Charlie Brown: Why were others put on this earth?*

— Charles Schultz



## Religious Counselors

Religious Counselors are warm and friendly people who can help you view your problems from a different angle. A number of faiths maintain full-time clergymen on campus at the Religious Counselors' building (W2a, 312 Memorial Dr.) Adherents to other faiths can usually find clergy in the Boston Area, but should feel free to talk to any of the people listed below. See **Religion** in the **Groups** chapter for more information.

The following religious groups maintain clergy on campus:

Christian Science (part-time)	Reita Donaldson	x3-2327
Episcopalian	Scott Paradise	x3-2983
Jewish	Dan Shevitz	x3-2982
Lutheran (part-time)	Susan Thomas	x3-2325
Roman Catholic	Bernard Campbell	x3-2981
Vedanta Society (part-time)	Swami Sarvagatanda	x3-2327

*If God did not exist, it would have been necessary to invent him.*

— Voltaire

## Social Workers

Mrs. Jacqueline Buck, Mrs. Myra Rodrigues, and Mr. Ron Fleming (E23-344, x3-4911), social workers in residence, are good at mobilizing and integrating the resources available for solving problems concerning interpersonal relations. They can suggest and contact agencies that provide money for major expenses, pregnancy counseling, or advice on dealing with runaways. They offer help with personal or family problems, and also with substance abuse problems. They specialize in helping foreign students (and their families) adjust to living in the United States.

## Nightline; x3-8800

Nightline is the only student-run help service on campus. It operates every night from 7 pm to 7 am. You can call Nightline at 253-8800. (From a dormline dial 2-3-8800.)

Nightline is both a counseling and an information service. If you're having problems with academics or your roommate; if you need information concerning birth control or drop date; or if you just need someone to talk to, give a call or visit. *All phone calls and visits to Nightline are strictly confidential.*

Nightline is staffed exclusively by MIT students; each night there will be at least one female and one male staffer on duty. The staff members are volunteers, and they are *not* professionals — thus, Nightline is not a substitute for other counseling services on campus but rather a supplementary service for students who may need someone to talk with when these other outlets are inaccessible or inappropriate. Whatever your problem, however, Nightline can direct you to the right professionals to talk to.

If you feel that you might be interested in becoming one of the Nightline staff, give them a call.

*Youth is wholly experimental.*

— Robert Louis Stevenson



### General

In addition to the services mentioned in this chapter, don't overlook your personal support network — graduate residents or housemasters in your living group (that's what they're paid for!), friends, a coach or professor you trust. People are usually a lot more willing to listen than you might imagine — many of them may have been through the same thing.

Also, the secretaries in many of the offices around the Institute know a tremendous amount about MIT. By speaking with one of them first, you will probably save yourself a lot of running around.

*Don't let anyone kid you, MIT is run by secretaries.*

— Anonymous

### Self-Help

The MIT lifestyle can be extraordinarily stressful, and it's easy to be overwhelmed sometimes. Often when you are struggling with a worry or difficulty, you may feel it is too trivial to talk it over with one of the people mentioned in this chapter. Although none of the counseling resources mentioned will consider *any* problem too unimportant to talk with them about, sometimes it can still be difficult to make that first phone call or appointment.

It's important to know when a problem is probably serious enough, you can talk with someone about it and not just wrestle with it on your own. As a general rule, the time to consider seeking help is when (or before!) your problem is beginning to interfere with everyday functioning. Are you skipping classes and having serious trouble concentrating? Has there been a big change in your eating or sleeping patterns? Are you feeling so low or down that you're having trouble getting out of bed in the morning, or finding it difficult to get excited about activities and accomplishments you used to find stimulating? If any of these things sound like you, *talk to someone*. You may not be able to handle the problem on your own. In any case you would probably feel a great deal better if you could just share the burden with someone. Reach out before things get any worse.

However, if you're the type of person who would feel better trying to work things out on your own (or while you're struggling with the decision of who to turn to), the following suggestions may help:

1. Try taking a mini-vacation from MIT: a bus trip out to Wellesley, an afternoon to the Aquarium or a museum, a weekend away if you can manage it. If you're under a lot of stress, your first reaction to time off is probably "I can't afford the time!" But sometimes you can't afford *not* to. If you return refreshed, you may get more work done in the long run. If you can't get *physically* away, try letting yourself do something for fun that you've been putting off for a while. Read a book that's not related to your work, or really *enjoy* one of the magazines that have been piling up on your desk. Hang a "do not disturb" sign on your door and take a nap. Buy all the ingredients for a favorite dish and cook it for yourself.

2. Try to do some exercise. If you're feeling down, it can be really hard to motivate yourself to do this, but it can work wonders. Run, dance, swim, ride a bike into nowhere.

3. Make a list of ten good things about yourself. Force yourself to put ten things down, even if it's "I had perfect attendance in eighth grade" or "my eyes are a nice shade of brown." For one week, add three more things to the list every night before you go to bed.

4. Try starting a journal. Write things in it that you can't tell anyone. Start as many sentences as you can with "I feel. . . ." Make a point to write in it every couple of days. Then go back and reread it often, you may be surprised.

5. Do something nice for someone else. Write to a past high school or MIT instructor and tell them how much their class meant to you. Send someone you love flowers or a nice card for no special reason. Cut a clipping from the newspaper that you think would be of interest to someone you haven't seen in a while and drop it to them in the mail. Buy a friend's favorite flavor of ice cream and hide it in their freezer with a note. Give a friend a compliment.

If it feels good, consider doing some kind of volunteer work. Be a Big Brother or Sister or help out a shelter for homeless people. There are also many service organizations on campus that would be happy to have another person helping with their projects.

6. Talk to a friend you trust. Ask an upperclassman (or underclassman!) if they've ever confronted a similar problem and how they handled it.

7. Buy a joke book. Read out of it every day until you get one good belly laugh. Before the next day's reading, tell the joke that make you crack up to someone else.

8. Do something childish once in a while. Find a playground and swing on a swing. Go shopping in a toy store. Buy a box of 64 crayons and a pad of white paper. Blow soap bubbles.

9. Spend some time thinking about the long-term priorities of your life. Try to get a little closer to deciding what you want to be and what you want to accomplish with your living. Buy a copy of R.N. Bolles *What Color Is Your Parachute?*; or talk with your friends or someone in the Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4733) about your strengths. Try to include some of the things that will move you closer to your long-range goals in your life.

The sooner that your difficulty is intercepted, the less damage it will do to your social and academic life — and your mental health. If none of these suggestions really seems to help, consider turning to one of the other resources in this chapter.

## Drugs

Although many people do go through MIT without being exposed to it, there is some drug activity at MIT, and for some people this will be the first contact with it. If you have a problem within your living group, see someone in confidential authority there, like a graduate resident. Often a word or two in the right ear will solve the problem. By all means, if the problem persists, go through official channels — both the Campus Police and the Dean's Office can help without causing problems.

If your interest is more speculative, two words of advice:

1. *Don't* assume the Campus Police will protect you from the Cambridge authorities. Contrary to common opinion, there is no "buffer zone" between students and the outside world.



2. Don't force anything. See what the scene is like before getting involved.

On a personal level, the Dean's Office (5-106, x3-4861) offers completely confidential drug counseling. To supplement its services, the Science Library maintains technical reports on drug safety while the Campus Police (W31, x3-1212) is always available to answer legal questions. *Straight Talk About Drugs on Campus* is available from CP's.

**Adverse Reactions:** In an emergency call the Infirmary at x3-1311 — the psychiatrist on call will go over if possible. Campus Police will also provide help (restraint, transportation, reassurance) if called. The Dean-on-Call (reached through the Campus Police) or Night-line are other resources if you just need to talk. *In any case, make sure the person in trouble is never left alone — being so may cost his/her life.* For most cases, overnight care may be given at the infirmary without formal hospitalization.

**Addiction:** Don't worry about legal penalties; the addiction is penalty enough. See someone in the Dean's Office or Psychiatry and break the habit. Remember that psychiatric records are completely confidential.

## Sex

One of the best sources of written information is *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*, available at almost any bookstore. The cover of *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves* says it is "written by and for women," but, although it says it was written for women, it is recommended for anyone. Also, the Medical Department has several pamphlets dealing with special topics. Stop by and browse (E23-205).

## Pregnancy

If you have even the slightest suspicion that you are pregnant, get a pregnancy test immediately. (Urine tests are free from the MIT Medical Department and many Boylston St, Boston clinics.) Prompt action will save you trouble later. If you decide to abort, the procedure is safer and cheaper earlier; if you decide to carry to term, early care will help your child later. *You gain nothing from just worrying.* Call the MIT Medical Department or a clinic (see the Yellow Pages) and refer to *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves* for further information.

If you are pregnant, you still have options. You can choose to keep the child, put it in foster care (e.g. with a relative until you are out of school), give the child up for adoption, or have an abortion.

## Abortion

Abortion is a procedure which terminates pregnancy. If done during the first trimester the actual procedure is very brief and can be performed as an outpatient procedure.

*Never* opt for an illegal abortion. The Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion during the first six months of pregnancy has eliminated the last shred of justification for illegal abortions. The social workers and Planned Parenthood (99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, 492-0777) can direct you to good legal abortion centers.



## Birth Control

Anybody connected with MIT can obtain contraceptive information and prescriptions from the Medical Department regardless of age or marital status. As always, such matters are confidential between the patient and the physician.

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) are at or near epidemic levels throughout much of the US. The most dangerous STD is AIDS, the acquired immune deficiency syndrome. This deadly virus is believed to be transmitted chiefly by the exchange of body fluids, such as blood or semen. There is *no known cure* for the disease, but it is possible to reduce the risk of developing it by practicing "safer sex" (use a condom) and limiting the number of sexual partners you have. Groups with a particularly high risk of contracting the virus are: men who have had sex with another man since 1977, intravenous drug users, people who have been to Haiti or Zaire, and sexual partners of any of the above. If you suspect that you may have AIDS, or have been exposed to it, you can get a confidential screen for the HTLV-III antibody at Mass. General (726-2748) or the Fenway Community Health Center (267-7573). For more information, call the AIDS hotline (1-800-235-2331), or the AIDS Action Line (536-7736). The Med Department can also help, of course.

Most other STDs are curable *if treated early*. If you suspect you have one, contact the Medical Department and get checked; lab tests are quick and accurate. If you do have one, tell *all* of your partners and have them tested. Remember, STDs are often without early symptoms in the female though it can have serious consequences for both sexes even years later.

## Counseling

Planned Parenthood, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and a clinical sociologist as well as clinics, religious counselors, and social service groups can be useful for helping you make your decisions. MIT has three social workers in residence (see **Social Workers**). The social workers and the Dean's Office can be particularly helpful in dealing with monetary problems.

## Rape

Go immediately to a safe location and call the Campus Police (253-1212, or 100 from any Institute phone) or a friend for transportation to a medical facility. The Campus Police have 3 female officers trained in rape crisis available at all times — just ask. It is important to go to a hospital for treatment of injuries and tests for VD and pregnancy. Hospitals do not routinely report the crime of rape to the police. Reporting is your choice and your responsibility.

If you are going to press charges, it is important *not* to wash, change clothing or straighten up anything before calling the police or going to the hospital. If you decide not to go to the police immediately, write down everything about the assault you can remember. Keep these details in case you change your mind.

## Harassment

*“Some of the people in my dorm refuse to stop making crude and tasteless racial jokes in my presence. They recently pulled a few hacks which embarrassed and humiliated me. I am fed up with their brand of humor!”*

*“One of my professors propositioned me. Even though I told him that I’m not interested, he keeps hinting around that it may make a difference in my grade.”*

*“I make no secret of my homosexual preferences, and I don’t try to impose my beliefs on others. However, my frankness has made me the target of all kinds of abuse and insults. I’ve had to move out of my dorm. . . .”*

If you are being unreasonably bothered by any person or group of people, *tell someone*. You do not have to just suffer silently and put up with or ignore such behavior. The Institute has a very strict policy on harassment, which is defined as “verbal or physical conduct which has the intent or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s educational and/or work performance at MIT, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational or work environment on or off campus.” The *intent* or *effect* is important because if someone is hurting you, even if they don’t mean to, they should be made aware of it and stopped.

If you can’t get the offensive behavior to stop on your own, speak with someone at the Institute about it. In addition to any of the resources mentioned in the **Counseling** section of this chapter, you might like to talk to one of the Special Assistants to the President: Mary Rowe (Room 10-213, x3-5921) or Clarence Williams (3-221, x3-5446), who are great to talk to and will take your problem very seriously.

If you would like more information before you talk to someone, pick up the brochures *Tell Someone* and *You Can Make A Difference* (available from the UASO, room 7-104) or look up *harassment* in the index of the MIT Course Catalog.

*You see things and say “Why?” But I dream of things that never were and I say “Why not?”*

— George Bernard Shaw









# Law

## EMERGENCY — DIAL 100

### on any Institute phone

There are two basic sections in this chapter, Institute Law and Outside Law. On campus one must deal with student committees, the campus police, the Dean's Office, and various official MIT administrative groups. Each has its own area and purpose. Outside, one is at the mercy of many levels of government and law enforcement.

### Institute Law

At present the Institute functions under a system of common law. Theft, careless risk of causing harm to persons and misuse of Institute property are as unacceptable as in any other community. Willful harm to persons (see **Harassment**) or destruction of property are very serious offenses. If you are interested in making a complaint against someone, there are several kinds of disciplinary action which can be taken, as outlined below.

A copy of the Departmental Guidelines Relating to Academic Honesty is available from the ODSA. Cheating on tests and plagiarism are considered major offenses. Lesser "gray" areas include working together on problem sets or reviewing previous years' assignments. All cases of academic dishonesty are initially handled by the professor and student(s) involved. Complications that make the dispute too involved for this form of mediation are referred to the faculty member's department or the ODSA. Standard penalties are grade reduction, extra or replacement assignments, or a faculty warning letter that is kept in a confidential file at ODSA. (Your advisor may not even be informed of this letter.) It may be used against you if further offenses occur. The most extreme cases are brought up before the Committee on Discipline (see below).

### Judicial Committees

Most of the living groups have a house judicial committee known as JudComm. This group generally deals with disputes or complaints among the residents of a living group. The Interfraternity Conference (IFC) has a JudComm to deal with matters of concern among the fraternities; and the Dormitory Council itself also has a JudComm. Go to a member of JudComm if you're concerned about a problem in your living group.

### Deans' Office, 5-106, x3-4861

Members of the Dean for Student Affairs Office staff are available to help mediate disputes or hold hearings for matters which do not need to be brought to the attention of the Committee on Discipline. It's a good idea to talk with a Dean if you are involved in a problem and are not sure how it should be handled.

*Go not to the elves for counsel, for they will say both yes and no.*

— John Ronald Reuel Tolkien



## The Committee on Discipline

The Committee on Discipline (composed of both faculty members and students) is the main body at MIT that deals with Institute law. It handles complaints against students from faculty members, MIT employees, and other students. No person making a complaint against another may sit on the Committee. The procedures of the Committee on Discipline are given in the "Statement of Disciplinary Committee Procedures" available from the Dean's Office.

The sanctions available to the Committee include a reprimand, probation (with or without notation on the student's record) and suspension or expulsion in extreme cases. (The last two must be recommended to the President, who makes the final decision.)

Every effort is made to protect both the rights of the student accused and of the parties bringing the complaint.

Upon implementation, the COD may choose to notify interested persons of a decision and whether any information will appear on a student's transcript.

## Campus Police, W31-215 x3-1212, x3-2997, dl 8191

Campus Police policy is to keep peace and not necessarily to make sure that evil gets punished. They can be consulted unofficially. If you get in trouble either on campus or off, give the Campus Police a call. They provide informal legal advice to students who are arrested, and will contact Institute (or other) lawyers if you need them.

*Lawsuit — A machine which you go in as a pig and come out as a sausage.*

—Ambrose Bierce

## Notes for the Accused

You'll be notified by the Dean's Office telling you of what you're accused and by whom. You should consult the Dean's Office, which will tell you to find a counselor and inform you of the procedure. You can also contact any member of the Committee on Discipline directly.

NOTE: The publication *Policies and Procedures* states, "If a student's infraction involves him or her both in Institute judicial proceedings and in court proceedings, and if an Institute decision might prejudice his or her court case, the Institute will usually hold its decision in abeyance until after the court proceedings have reached a conclusive point."

*. . . MIT was right to discipline you. If you students are to become successful servants of international corporations, you must learn to mind your manners.*

— Letter to Thursday

## Privacy and Files

You have the right to review Institute files about you, except those assembled before November 19, 1974, in which the author has been assured of confidentiality. You also have the right to challenge the contents. The school cannot release information about you to outside people (including parents and employers) without your consent. However, information given to the Information Office for use in publication of the Student Directory can be given out to anyone who asks.



Information in your advisor's file is considered confidential, but not legally so. Medical records — physical and mental — are legally private.

The Faculty Committee on Privacy is currently reviewing MIT's policies and is responsible for dealing with violations.

*The laws of thermodynamics:*

1. *You can't win.*
2. *You can't break even.*
3. *You can't get out of the game.*

— Dwight Batteau, "Stupidtheorems"

## Outside Law

Outside the Institute you have to worry about various government types. You can receive information about city laws from the agency involved, simply by phoning and explaining what you need to know (Cambridge City Hall, 498-9000; Boston City Hall, 725-4000). The Dewey Library at MIT (E53) maintains an up-to-date copy of the state's legal code. You can also inquire about law by phone through Consumer Affairs at 727-7780. Their specialties are tenant and consumer problems, but will refer you to proper agencies to handle any troubles.

### Arrest

If you are arrested, call Campus Police (253-2997 — lest you forget, the number is on the back of your ID card). In nearly all cases, Campus Police will help the student in seeking release from custody on the student's personal recognizance, on bail, or through arrangements with a bondsman. Don't plead guilty — just ask for a "continuance." (Campus Police will explain all this and more if you call.)

### Alcohol

It is illegal in Massachusetts for anyone under twenty-one years of age to purchase alcohol, or to receive it from anyone other than a guardian. It is also illegal to falsely represent one's age in order to obtain alcohol. Large fines are imposed by the Commonwealth for violating the above. (also, see **Automobile Problems**)

### Automobile Problems

If a policeman picks you up for driving while under the influence of alcohol, it is important to know your rights. **If you are at all confused, call the Campus Police** (253-2997 — number on your ID card) to ask for advice. When accused, you have the option of taking a breath test. If you decide not to take the test your license will automatically be revoked for 90 days. If it is your first offense, the Campus Police strongly suggests that you take the test. Even if convicted, a first offender almost always faces the option of going through an alcohol rehabilitation program (which upon completion leaves you without a record) accompanied by a 30-day revocation of license.

If an automobile dealer fails to service your car under the terms of its warranty, complain to the Massachusetts Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division, 727-8400).

## False Fire Alarms

Persons turning in false fire alarms from anywhere, including dormitories, are liable for up to a \$500 fine. Several years ago, a fireman was killed answering a false alarm here. **Don't do it.**

## Guns

The possession of any type of firearm (including air pistols and air rifles) in Massachusetts is strictly regulated. Failure to have a Firearms Identification Card (FID) or a License to Carry will result in a mandatory one-year imprisonment for the first offense and 5 years for the second. Furthermore, possession of a firearm on the grounds of a college or university without specific authorization from the particular school carries a penalty of \$1000 fine and/or one year imprisonment. *Get those permits immediately!* For details call the Rangemaster (x3-3296).

## Legal Problems/Legal Aid

Call the Dean's Office 5-106, x3-4861), or Campus Police (x3-1212, dl 8191). They will either help you directly or refer you to the appropriate people. Greater Boston Legal Aid Services (367-2880) will help you get in contact with the right people to help you. Conversation with the Dean's Office is confidential.

## Patents, Copyrights

If you think you have a patentable invention/discovery, contact the Patent, Copyright & Licensing Office (E19-722, x3-6966) for information on the Institute's policies and procedures and the requirements and regulations of the US Patent & Trademark Office.

This office will also provide information on the laws and procedures for copyright including the Institute's policies with respect to copyrighting of student theses.

Regarding the idea itself, you should talk with someone in your field (the Patent Administration Office can recommend someone) about the possible existence of previous patents similar to yours. The whole procedure is extremely complex, but the rewards of having a patent of your own make a preliminary investigation worthwhile.

*All men, by nature, desire knowledge.*

— Aristotle

## Nighttime Safety

### MIT is an urban school!

There have been cases of armed robbery, rape and assault on campus. A few years ago, two MIT students hitchhiking on the Harvard Bridge were robbed. One was brutally murdered while the other was "luckier" — he was only in critical condition for several weeks. More recently, there have been many muggings in the Main Street/Kendall Square area and along Memorial Drive. Don't ever carry large sums of money alone, especially after dark. Avoid unlit or isolated areas such as Briggs Field or even the parking garages. On returning to campus from outlying communities, give some thought to well-lit routes. Wherever you go after dark, try to have a few friends with you if possible. The Campus



Police will escort late-working students and employees from main buildings to dorms or parking lots at night, if requested (x3-1212, dl 8191). When in doubt, *call them*. It's not worth the risk. The Campus Police have a wide variety of crime prevention & safety information available from their Crime Prevention Unit. Stop by anytime.

## Registration & Voting

To register go to the Election Commission of the city where you live: Cambridge Election Commission, 362 Green St., one block west of Central Square (498-9058); Boston City Hall, Government Center (725-4000), Brookline Town Hall, 333 Washington St. (232-9000). Also the student government has occasionally sponsored registration drives; look for announcements.

### *Freshman Rules, 1928*

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is interested not only in turning out trained engineers, but makes every endeavor to develop in its students those attributes of character that distinguish the well rounded and educated man from the merely technically trained engineer.*

*Development of Technology spirit, of a real pride in the position of our school in the collegiate world and the formation of lasting friendships, is fostered as much as possible by the undergraduates.*

*In order to create the necessary interest in Technology among the entering class and to familiarize them with its traditions, the following Freshman Rules are presented to it for its information and guidance:*

- 1. All Freshmen should wear regulation ties, four-in-hand, with cardinal and gray stripes. These should be worn when on Institute grounds from the day classes begin until the beginning of Junior Week. These ties are to be sold on registration day by the Freshman Rules Committee, and after that by the Coop.*
- 2. Freshmen are expected to speak to all members of the faculty and to tip their hats to the president of the Institute and the Dean.*
- 3. Freshmen are expected to say "Hello" to all students they meet on the Institute grounds.*
- 4. Freshmen should not loiter around the Main Lobby, or sit on benches in the Lobby. If the Freshmen win Field Day, this restriction shall be abandoned.*
- 5. Administration of the above rules shall be delegated to a Freshman Rules Committee which shall consist of the vice president of the Institute Committee as ex-officio chairman; two Juniors, one of whom shall be the president of the Junior Class; four Sophomores, one of whom shall be the president of the Sophomore Class; two Freshmen section leaders. The Junior and three Sophomores shall be appointed by the vice-president of the Institute Committee, the presidents of the Sophomore and Junior classes subject to the ratification of the Institute Committee.*
- 6. When an upper-classman or a Freshman sees another Freshman violate the above rules, he shall immediately inform the Freshman Rules Committee, by dropping a card or a slip of paper in an institute mail box, stating the rule violated, and the date of the violation. When four violations have been reported against one Freshman, he shall be sent a summons to appear before the committee.*

### 7. *Enforcement of the rules is at the discretion of the Freshman Rules Committee.*

*These rules have been adopted for the purpose of bringing about a more congenial spirit at the Institute, and of fostering interest in Technology among the entering class. Consequently, the rules do not include measures which are merely for the purpose of humiliating the first year men.*

*The end of the Freshmen rules regime at Tech comes early in the spring at which time there is held a big rally of the Freshman class. A tree is planted to commemorate the occasion and then a huge snake-dance is formed by the entire class and they wind slowly by a large bonfire, each one throwing his necktie into the flames. Thus ends the Freshman rules and no longer need the Freshmen fear the upperclassmen.*

— MIT Handbook, 1928





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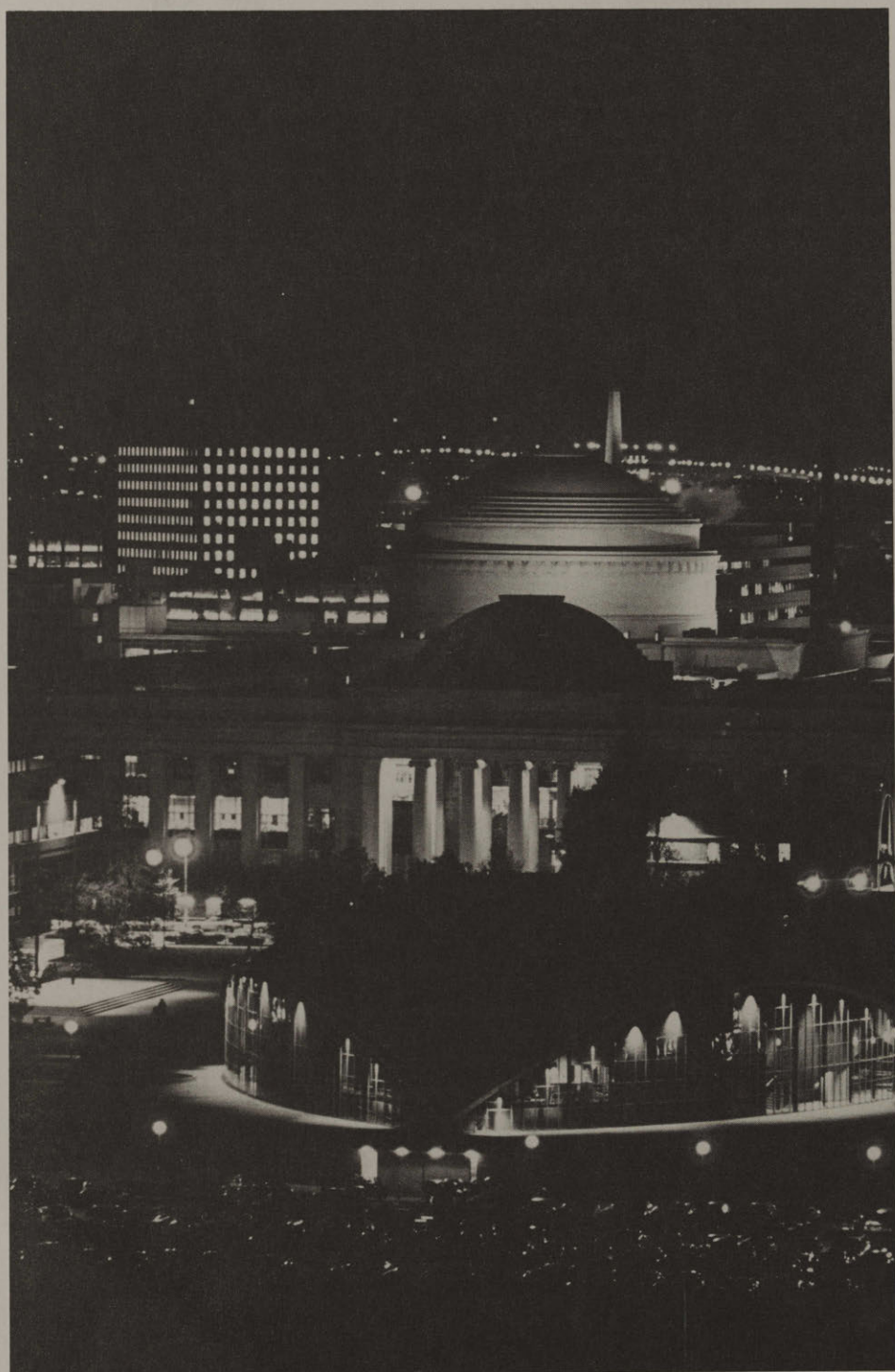
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# MIT Geography

The MIT campus is quite compact and often confusing to navigate, with tunnels, passageways and cleverly-hidden hallways. If you're new to the place you could try walking around and getting lost once or twice just to get the hang of it, or you could get an overview by taking an Information Office tour. Tours are given at 10 am and 2 pm. For details, call the Office (7-121, x3-4795).

For the official explanation of the room and building numbering system, see the map on the next page.

## Doors

The doors to the following buildings are always unlocked: 7, 8, 16, 39, and Student Center. Doors are usually kept open until 11 pm in buildings 13, 14, 24, 56, Kresge and the chapel.

## Bathrooms

A few guidelines for finding a bathroom quickly:

On the main corridor, lavatories are stacked vertically, men's above women's and vice versa. They normally occur at the junction of two buildings, for instance 3-101, which is a women's room.

In the other main buildings, a similar situation applies, with bathrooms occurring at the ends of buildings or just before (or after) a corner. Example 1-101 is a men's room.

In the newer buildings, men's and women's rooms are usually close together and either centrally or peripherally located. The notable exception is Building 14 with men's rooms at the western end, women's rooms at the eastern end, and none on the first floor.

Check the corridors for water fountains. Where there is a fountain, a bathroom can't be far away.

## Vending Machines

If you have problems with a vending machine or need a refund, call the answering service at x3-5858. If you have problems with a Coke machine, call x3-2707.

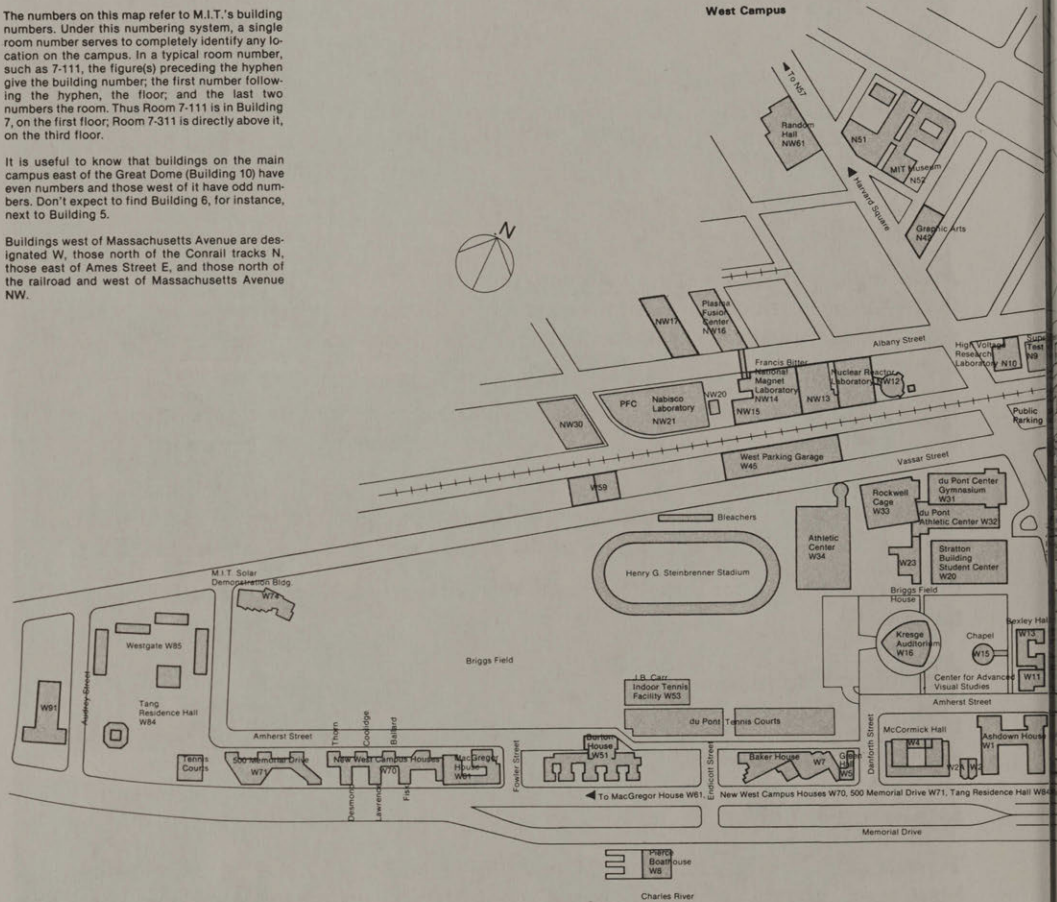
## Other useful tips

Tunnels exist between buildings 14 and 18, 18 and 54, 54 and 56, New House and MacGregor, and the parallels of East Campus. Basements otherwise connect where two buildings meet. They can be handy in bad weather or to avoid "rush hour traffic." Be careful of floor changes — in going from one building to the next, a ramp or a few steps may mean you've gone up or down a floor. The Infinite Corridor traffic (buildings 7-3-10-4-8) can be bypassed on 2nd, 3rd or basement levels. It may be more convenient, depending on your destination, to walk through Killian Court, or along the street outside building 13.

The numbers on this map refer to M.I.T.'s building numbers. Under this numbering system, a single room number serves to completely identify any location on the campus. In a typical room number, such as 7-111, the figure(s) preceding the hyphen give the building number; the first number following the hyphen, the floor; and the last two numbers the room. Thus Room 7-111 is in Building 7, on the first floor; Room 7-311 is directly above it, on the third floor.

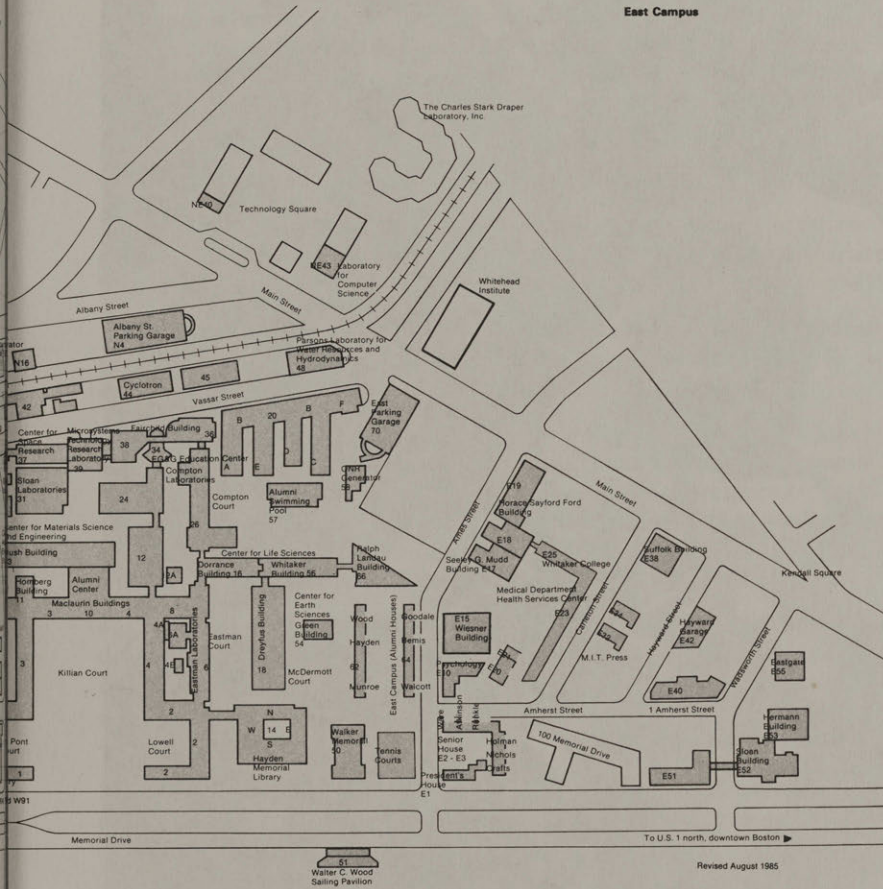
It is useful to know that buildings on the main campus east of the Great Dome (Building 10) have even numbers and those west of it have odd numbers. Don't expect to find Building 6, for instance, next to Building 5.

Buildings west of Massachusetts Avenue are designated W, those north of the Conrail tracks N, those east of Ames Street E, and those north of the railroad and west of Massachusetts Avenue NW.



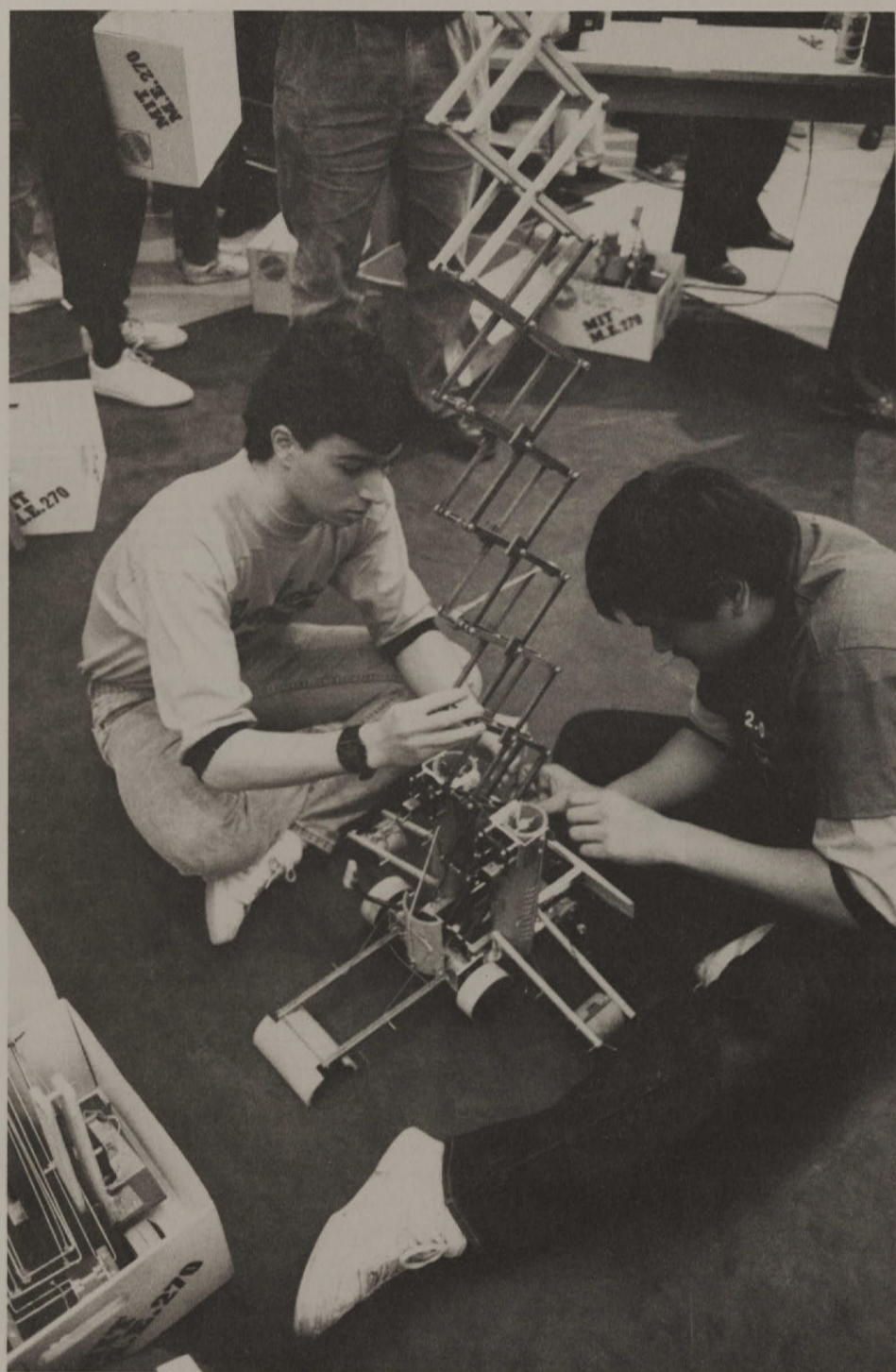


## East Campus



Charles River

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# Academics

*Why stop now, just when I'm hating it?*

— Marvin the Paranoid Android

This chapter attempts to provide answers to a variety of questions dealing with Institute academics. Information is organized into nine sections: **Advisors, Registration and Course Selection, Credit, Grades, Finals, Special Opportunities, Problems, Graduation and Degrees, and After Graduation.**

For more information, use the cross-reference to MIT Publications in **Appendix 9**. The most helpful publications include the *Freshman Handbook*, *The MIT Catalogue*, *Guide for Undergraduates and Faculty Counselors*, and *The Graduate School Manual*.

Faculty committees make many decisions on academic policy. Committee membership lists are available in the Catalog under "Standing Committees of the Faculty," and can be obtained at 4-237.

1. **Committee on Academic Performance (CAP)** handles most petitions, including those concerning pass/fail, dropping a course after the drop date, retroactive deadlines for finishing incompletes, and decisions on academic warnings. (7-103, x3-4164)

2. **Faculty Policy Committee (FPC)** maintains a broad overview of the Institute's academic programs, deals with a wide range of policy issues of concern to the Faculty, and coordinates the work of the Faculty committees. (4-237, x3-1706)

3. **Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP)** is responsible for encouraging experimental innovation in undergraduate education and formulating proposals for changes in undergraduate educational policy. It exercises oversight responsibility for undergraduate education, including the freshman year and other interdepartmental programs, giving special attention to long-term directions. The Committee exercises authority to approve and supervise limited educational experiments. (3-234, x3-1925)

4. **Committee on Graduate School Policy (CGSP)** is concerned with academic performance, degree candidacies, fellowships and scholarships, etc. It is composed of students and representatives of the graduate committee from each department and program. See your department representative or the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School (3-138, x3-4860) for more information.

5. **Committee on Curricula (COC)** handles requests for exemptions and substitutions in general Institute requirements. It also handles proposals for changing requirements. (E19-341, x3-4781)

These committees are always looking for potential active student members. Although these committees require a very serious commitment, being on one of them is one of the best ways of leaving your mark on MIT. Student members are chosen by the graduate and undergraduate student governments. For more information call the GSC (x3-2195) or the UA (x3-2696).

*If at first you do succeed, try to hide your astonishment.*

— LA Times

## Advisors

### Freshman Advisors

Freshman Advisors can help you with many of your problems during your first year at MIT. Get to know your advisor. This may be the only faculty member you get to know during your first year here.

### Freshman Associate Advisors

Associate Advisors are upperclassmen who have volunteered their time to help advise freshmen in conjunction with faculty advisors. If you're interested in becoming an associate advisor, talk to someone in the UASO.

### Faculty Advisors

All freshmen who designate a major at the end of the first year will then be assigned an advisor. If you know a particular faculty member in your department, you can request him or her for an advisor.

Your faculty advisor can be very helpful. Remember: He is your link to your department and to the faculty committees (CAP, etc.). If you are not doing well, his recommendation is very influential.

### Changing Advisors

If you're having trouble with your advisor or have met another member of the faculty you would like to have as your advisor, you can change advisors. It is usually not too difficult. Talk to the people in the **Undergraduate Academic Support Office** (7-103). They are very helpful. You can also speak to your department undergraduate headquarters.

*We are here because we are not all here.*

— sign in a mental institution

## Registration and Course Selection

### Registration

The first time you register you will be given registration material by your advisor. After that you pick it up in Lobby 10 on certain pre-announced dates. Spring term registration forms are given out in early December, fall term forms in early May. If you miss the scheduled dates, you can get the material at the Registrar's Office (E19-335).

You *must* return the forms on time, even if the information is incomplete; otherwise, you'll be stuck with a \$20.00 fine. You can always make changes on Registration Day.

**Important:** The Registrar will send you notification of your registration status periodically throughout the term (more or less after Reg Day and before Add and Drop Dates). Check these carefully and be sure to have them corrected immediately if necessary. Be sure to keep a copy of *everything* you can whenever you deal with these people, especially



end-of-term grade reports. The Registrar's computer has been known to "forget" you registered for a 24-unit lab, etc. Don't count on the experience of others to prepare you for what may come — this office is also very innovative.

## Registration, Changing

To add or drop a subject before the applicable deadline, submit a correction card ("drop card") to the Registrar's Office (E19-335) or the Undergraduate Academic Support office (7-104). Cards are available at Undergraduate Academic Support office (7-104), the Information Office (7-121), and some departmental offices; deans and advisors can sometimes supply them. The card needs your advisor's signature. If you are adding a course after the first week, you also need the instructor's signature. A course dropped within the first five weeks of the term will be entirely erased from your records; a drop after five weeks will appear on the internal transcript.

Keep in mind that some faculty members consider a drop after the fifth week to be automatic proof that you were failing the course at the time.

After Drop Date (eleven weeks from the start of the term), you must petition the Committee on Academic Performance if you want to drop a subject. The CAP has outlined adequate reasons for dropping a subject late as unforeseen circumstances beyond the student's control. The fact that you are failing, by itself, is not enough to get you off the hook. As a whole the committee is very strict about drop date, but exceptions have been made in the past; check with Steve Patterson (7-103) to see what your chances are.

**Note:** If you have an exam on drop date don't wait until the next week to see your score and then petition to drop the course.

*No rule is so general, which admits not some exception.*

— Robert Burton

## Credit

### Advanced Standing

Getting credit for course material you already know is not difficult. For many subjects all that is needed is a passing grade on an Advanced Standing exam; for others, additional work may be required. See the instructor and your advisor for details. Incoming students should contact the Admissions Office (3-108, x3-4791).

Tests are offered in February, May, September, October, and December. You must file a petition with the Registrar three weeks before the exam period begins and get the course instructor's approval. Freshmen are graded pass/fail; upperclassmen are given letter grades. A freshman failing a September exam will not have a fail recorded on the permanent transcript. Advanced standing exam grades are never computed into your cum.

If you are considering advance-placing a course, *don't* register for it — not even as a listener. Registration in a subject automatically makes you ineligible to take the Advanced Standing exam; this disqualification is independent of whether or not you remained registered or actually did attend classes.

Grad students seeking advance-placement credit generally make informal arrangements with the instructor and department rather than take an exam. Most departments allow you to use some subjects taken at other schools to fulfill graduate degree course requirements or the minor requirement.

### Listening

There are two ways to sit in on a subject: the first is getting permission to sit in on a class and learn informally; the second is registering officially to listen to a class. If you do register to listen, you will not be allowed to advance-place the course later on. For the summer term or whenever you pay tuition on a per-unit basis, the listening rates are the same as for regular students' tuition. It is possible to change status to a regular student during the term (up to the add date). See your advisor for the necessary paperwork. See us if you can figure out a good reason to be a listener.

*If you're not going to listen, just go to sleep quietly.*

— D.P.D.

### Transferring Credit

It is possible to receive MIT credit for work done at other institutions. If an exact MIT equivalent exists, fill out a Request for Additional Credit form and get the MIT instructor's approval; you will receive your credit with a recorded grade of "S." If you want a real letter grade, consider taking an advance-placement test rather than transferring in the credit. (Make sure you look at the MIT problem sets and exams first!)

There are transfer credit examiners in each department and Humanities sections. The UASO has a list of them. You should check with them *before* taking a course to make sure you will get the credit you want. If no equivalent exists here, see the most closely related MIT department. Any questions about the granting of credit should be directed to the Director of Advanced Placement in the Admissions Office.

Graduate level subjects completed satisfactorily at other universities may be accepted toward requirements for an advanced degree but do not contribute to the residency requirement. If the subject has an MIT equivalent, submit an Additional Credit sheet; if not, you must petition. Courses previously taken by a Special Student may be used later in partial fulfillment of requirements for a graduate degree. In either case, the Registration Officer should indicate the amount of (A) or other credit accepted.

### Credit for UROP

First, you need to arrange with a faculty supervisor such details as the nature of the project and the number of units to be awarded. Next, you need to compose a Letter of Intent and have it signed by your supervisor and submitted to the UROP coordinator in your faculty supervisor's department.

Register for UROP credit as you would for any class. If you want to receive pass/fail credit, register for the UR subject number (e.g., 1 U.R., 2 U.R.). If you wish to receive a grade, register under the suitable subject number for undergraduate research (e.g., 7.90, 17.901, etc.). A UROP may be added after Add Date if it really starts after Add Date. And don't forget to remind your faculty supervisor to submit a grade at the end of the term — if your research isn't finished, a grade of "J" may be awarded to indicate satisfactory research activity continuing beyond one semester.



# Grades

## Incompletes

Incompletes must be completed by the end of the fifth week of the succeeding term, unless the instructor explicitly grants you an extension (which at most extends to the last day of classes of that term). Any further extension requires the approval of the CAP, and then only in special circumstances (for instance, if the lab equipment you need is not available during the appropriate term). If you withdraw from MIT upon receiving the Incomplete, talk to the CAP about when to make it up; if the Incomplete requires scarce MIT equipment, remember that you are not officially allowed to use such equipment when not registered, and that the CAP may find reason to bar you from making up the Incomplete when you come back.

Incompletes not completed remain Incompletes; they are not computed into your cum. *However*, they are often treated by graduate schools as “F”s. Departments may also count them as “F”s when reviewing student records and making recommendations to the CAP.

It is a good idea to ask your professor ahead of time for an Incomplete (but don’t ask if you haven’t already done two thirds of the course work), explain the reasons for it, and tell him when you plan to finish the subject. (If he is not going to give you an Incomplete, it is better to know before the term ends.) Many professors will go out of their way to be accommodating, even to the point of calling you up to see if you are still working on the Incomplete; others will screw you to the wall.

*The work load at MIT is like an ideal gas. It expands to fill any available space and it can be compressed into a very small area — but the pressure increases.*

— Art Mellor

## Changing Grades

**Subjects:** If you feel a grade is unfair, talk to the instructor. The CAP is willing to act as an intermediary in case of disagreements but cannot override his decision. The instructor must fill out a Special Report Sheet and send it to the Registrar before the grade change can officially take place. All such changes, including making up I’s and OX’s, must be done before you get your degree. (An OX is the grade given if you are excused from a final with the dean’s office approval—given, for example, because of illness).

**Course work:** Problem sets, quizzes and exams are often marked by TA’s or graders. If you have any questions about the accuracy of a mark, ask the grader; if you cannot resolve the problem with him, talk with the instructor. Normally he/she will be quite willing to look at your side of it.

## Pass/Fail

Pass/fail grading is generally available only to freshmen, to students in seminars, or UROP programs, and to juniors and seniors exercising their pass-fail option (see below). An instructor may petition the COC to have his entire subject made pass/fail but cannot allow individual students to take the course pass/fail unless one of the above options applies to them.

## HowToGAMIT

Freshmen will receive only pass/no-credit grading on their transcripts, but their hidden grades from the second term will be sent to their sophomore advisors on a separate sheet. (Be aware that the Math, Physics, and Chemistry departments keep records of how first-term freshmen do on quizzes, problem sets, etc.; the math department has been known to use such records in evaluating potential calculus tutors. Also note that the chemistry department may give these records to medical schools.)

The junior-senior option allows the student to designate two subjects pass/fail in his last four terms. The subjects cannot be Institute or departmental requirements, but more than one per term may be taken. (See **Registration, Changing** for rules and regulations regarding deadlines.)

## Transcripts

The Registrar's Office will make copies of your transcript for \$2.00 each. Keep in mind that it will take a while to get them prepared. Payment is made at the Cashier's Office (10-180). Requests for transcripts must be made by the student in writing; no request from a graduate school or anyone else is honored without the student's approval.

*It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.*

— Descartes

# Finals

## Schedules

Final exam schedules come out in midterm, and are available at the UASO and Information Center (7-121). If you have conflicting finals, follow the instructions on the Conflict Form on the back of the schedule.

## Regulations to Ease End-of-Term Pressure

In a course with a final exam, no written exams may be given for 8 days before finals start. In courses without finals, no more than one written exam of not over one class period (or 1½ hours, whichever is shorter) in length may be given during this time. If an instructor schedules an exam which is in conflict with the above rules, speak to him or to Steve Patterson (7-103).

No term papers are allowed to have due dates during finals week. If your instructor decides to "be nice" and extends a paper's due date to finals week, the extension might disappear if the CAP finds out about it.

## Finding Finals

Call the UASO (7-104, x3-6771) if you forgot (or never found out) where your final is supposed to be. They will know the correct room number for different sections. If you will be more than 45 minutes late, you must get permission from the SAS office (5-106, x3-4861) to enter the exam room.



## Inability to Take a Final

**Undergrads:** Go to the SAS Office (beforehand if possible) and explain the circumstances which prevent your taking the exam (a personal visit is strongly preferred to a phone call). If your reason is accepted, and the instructor has issued an "O" (absent from final or last two weeks of class with passing work up to that time), the Dean's Office will issue a grade of OX. It is *your* responsibility to make up the final.

**Note:** If you are sick be sure to go to the Medical Department before the exam. If your reason is not accepted, the O remains as such on your record — it is equivalent to an F and is averaged into your GPA.

A postponed final is normally taken early in the next semester. This means that if you missed a second-term final, you must retain all of your knowledge of the course through the summer and part of the fall term. So it might be better to take the final on time if you are not too sick. Be realistic about your capabilities though, because if you do badly it is nearly impossible to have the grade changed.

*This exam is intended to be instructive. Consequently, it is sometimes the case that part of the problem is to figure out what the problem is.*

— Directions for 6.034 exam

**Caution:** If you had been doing failing work throughout much of the term, the instructor still has the right to give you an F instead of an O.

**Grads:** Go to your instructor and talk to him/her. Also, you can check with the Graduate Office (3-138, x3-4860).

If you have a tendency to go to pieces or otherwise fail to perform maximally on finals, talk with your instructor beforehand; afterwards plead for an incomplete.

*My problem is that I'm so busy that I don't have time to learn.*

— Lon Rayburn

## IAP

**Independent Activities Period:** IAP is a unique MIT experience. It is the time in between fall and spring terms—about 3 1/2 weeks in January. During this time there are many activities, seminars, and yes, even a few accelerated courses. It is a time to explore some of the things which have always interested you but that you haven't had the time for. If you have some skill or knowledge that you would like to share with others, you can teach your own course. Past topics taught by professors and students alike include wine tasting, machining, algebraic topology, sightseeing, and a scavenger hunt. There is no real limit to what you can do.

Information about organization, registration, and funding (it exists!) is available in October from the stacks of forms in Lobby 7 or the IAP office (7-108, x3-1668).

## Credit for IAP

You are generally limited to six units of credit for IAP although you can receive twelve units for one course if you get the appropriate department head's approval. Anything else requires a petition to the COC or CGSP. The freshman credit limit does not apply to IAP credit.

Getting credit requires making arrangements with the instructor prior to starting work, since regular registration procedures do not apply.

All work done for credit under a special problem number is graded pass/fail. However, if a regular subject is offered in intensive form, letter grades may be given.

*It's a good thing we only have 8 terms at the Institute. We only have 9 lives you know.*

— Thursday

## Special Opportunities

### Cross Registration at Harvard, Undergraduate

Cross-registration at Harvard is now open to all MIT students. Freshmen, however, are restricted to foreign language courses not offered at MIT (such as Arabic or Korean). Generally, you cannot take an MIT-equivalent subject at Harvard unless you have a serious schedule conflict between the equivalent MIT course and another MIT course. See Ikey Spear (14N-409, x3-4443) for Harvard catalog listings and other information. You can also check with the Harvard University Information Center at Holyoke Center in Harvard Square.

Harvard's deadline for registration falls shortly after MIT's registration day, and the calendar is different from MIT's; first term finals are in January, and second term finals are in late May, often after MIT's finals. Be sure you will be around during their finals week. To call Harvard dial x186 + the Harvard extension. Harvard information is x186-5-5000.

### Cross Registration at Wellesley, Undergraduate

In the Wellesley Exchange office (7-108, x3-1668) you will find information sheets on cross-registration, bus schedules, Wellesley catalogs, course evaluations by MIT students, and more. Information about the exchange is also posted on the exchange bulletin board near the Admissions Office.

Wellesley classes begin about a week before MIT classes do, so it is important to begin attending Wellesley classes no later than the first week of MIT classes. You must cross-register at Wellesley during the first ten days of classes. MIT needs you to list the Wellesley subject on your original registration form or fill out an add card.

A free bus service is run between MIT and Wellesley Monday through Friday afternoon. The cross registration bus schedule is based on a combination of MIT and Wellesley class schedules. Be sure to allow enough time for transportation between classes. Note that some Wellesley classes are taught at MIT.



Policies concerning use of Wellesley subjects to meet general Institute and departmental requirements are described on the information sheets. Information about course prerequisites, the meaning of "limited enrollment," or anything else can be gotten from the Wellesley instructor. To call Wellesley dial x187 + the Wellesley extension. For extension information call x187-2387.

For more information see **Wellesley** in **Appendix 3**.

## Cross-Registration, Graduate

MIT has cross-registration programs with the following schools:

<i>School</i>	<i>MIT Coordinator</i>
Harvard	Registrar's Office, E19-339
Wellesley	Wellesley Exchange Office 7-108, x3-1668
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Biology; Ocean Eng.; Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences
Brandeis (Social Welfare)	Prof. John Howard x3-7333, x3-4408
Tufts (Dental School)	Nutrition and Food Science
Boston University (African Studies)	Economics and Political Science

Most of these programs are very limited (e.g. with Brandeis only course XI grad students may cross register), but don't let these qualifications stop you. Build a good case for yourself, convince your advisor of its merit, and you at least have a chance. With perseverance and careful planning, things can go the way you want them to. More information is available in the Graduate Student Manual and from your registration officer.

*If I should not be learning now, when should I be?*

— Lacydes

## Domestic Year Away

You can spend a year studying at another college in the United States provided that certain conditions are met. The school you want to attend must accept you and be of "established merit," and your department must certify that the school has unique resources unavailable at MIT, Wellesley, or Harvard. Your program of study there should involve a workload comparable to MIT's, and its objectives must be consistent with your overall MIT degree program. You won't have to reapply to MIT to get back in.

Financial aid is available for those who would normally be eligible. The Student Financial Aid Office will determine your need at the other school and what your need would have been at MIT and will give you the *smaller* award. You can get more information from the Foreign Study Office (12-170, x3-4735).

## Foreign Study

If you are interested in studying abroad you should start to plan as soon as possible.

Junior Year Abroad is generally the easiest way to go. Student status and dorm priority are generally unaffected. Financial aid is available as for **Domestic Year Away**. Contact FSO for more information.

The opportunities for foreign graduate study are greater. The Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170) has some reference materials. The Graduate School Office also has information on DAAD, Churchill, Fulbright-Hays, Marshall, and other foreign scholarships.

### Co-op

Five Courses (II, III, VI, XIII, XVI) currently have organized cooperative study plans with industry. The tuition differs from the regular tuition in some departments. Check at department headquarters and the Registrar's Office for details.

### Special Students

Special students, by definition, are not considered to be working toward a degree. Special students pay tuition based upon the number of units they're taking and must be readmitted each term. They usually are not eligible for financial aid, campus housing, or cross-registration. Subjects taken by a special student can be used toward a degree if the student is subsequently admitted as a regular student. Contact the counseling deans (5-106) if you're thinking of changing your status — or the Admissions Office if you've never been a regular student.

### Light Loads

Regular students planning to register for a light load (fewer than 33 units) must get approval from their advisors and a counseling dean (5-106). If the forms are signed before the start of the term, the CAP will take this into account at its end-of-term meeting and will not necessarily take action because of a low registration. There is also the possibility of saving money by paying tuition on a per-unit basis while still being considered a regular student. Taking more than two terms of light load is discouraged and requires a CAP petition.

*It's a trick, but it's a trick that works, so it's a technique.*

— S. A. Orszag

### Special Projects

If you have an idea you want to work on or something you want to study, it is possible to get Institute backing. You may even be able to get credit or satisfy Institute requirements while doing your own thing. Petitions for fulfillment of Institute requirements go to the COC.

First, dig up an idea. (Example: writing a guidebook for the MIT community; that's how this book got started.) Several established ways of doing so are:

1. Check with the UROP office (20B-141, x3-5049) or check their bulletin board in the main corridor for current research offerings. Although most projects take place on campus, it is also possible to have an off-campus project at hospitals, corporations, non-profit organizations, or government agencies. See the UROP booklet for more ideas and for the rules and regulations regarding project work.
2. Ask at department headquarters/graduate offices for references on current research.



3. Find a professor you want to work with and ask him/her for project ideas. Most faculty members have lots of ideas which they themselves don't have time to work on.
4. Drop in at a lab you're interested in and ask someone about what's going on. In most cases, you'll get an enormously thorough description; people are very willing to talk about their work.

Second, find a way to do your own thing. A few suggestions are:

1. Register for a "projects" or "special problems" subject in your (or any other) department. The best types are those with credit "to be arranged." You must find a faculty sponsor. If the project works out well, you can do a careful write-up and petition to make it your thesis.
2. Try to make your project a part-time job with a professor or try to make it a summer job, possibly by getting hold of grant money. Consult your advisor or department head for suggestions on how to go about it.
3. See UROP (20B-141). The staff pride themselves on being helpful.
4. Check with the interdepartmental labs. A fairly thorough listing is in the Catalog.

Whatever your idea, if you're really interested in pursuing it you should be able to find help and sponsorship somewhere in the Institute. If at first you don't succeed, keep trying; there are plenty of places to go for advice. The person who turned you down may change his mind and offer his services the next month.

*Adversity causes some men to break; it causes other men to break records.*

— Anonymous

## Summer Session

The summer session is open to all students. The summer catalogue is issued in March and is available at the Information Office (7-121) and at the UASO (7-104). Tuition is paid on a per-unit basis although minimum and maximum rates exist. Regular students should check with the Registrar's Office (E19-335); Special Students should contact the Admissions Office (3-108).

Non-MIT students cannot register for MIT summer session without being admitted to the Institute, under the same admissions standards as for the regular school year.

The number of courses offered in the summer is limited, but it usually includes some large freshman and sophomore courses such as 8.02 and 18.03.

Summer is a good time to do research. It must be a full-time commitment. It can be done for credit or pay. If you do it for credit, however, you will have to pay for it, the cost depending on how many units you register for. The research must be started at least halfway through the spring term, especially if you want to be paid for it. Check with the UROP Office (20B-141, x3-5049) for more information and help and check with your department about ongoing projects which you might find attractive.

## Undesignated Sophomore Status

The Undergraduate Academic Support Office (7-104, x3-6771) handles problems with becoming undesignated, designating a major, and selecting or changing advisors. They can often help with problems of course and career selection.

**Note:** It is possible for sophomores to un-designate.

## Inventing Your Own Course

New courses have been invented in the past. A strong commitment and faculty backing are essential. The Education Studies Program (ESP, W20-467, x3-4882) provides an organization for teaching Saturday courses to high school students. Starting an IAP course is much easier and can be done through a department or independently. Contact the IAP office (7-108, x3-1668)

*Wear your learning like a watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out and strike it, merely to show that you have one.*

— Philip Doirmer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfields

*Two Truisms: a)  $1 > 0$ . If you don't start things moving, they won't move. b)  $n + 1 > n$ . The more people you have with you, the more effective you will be.*

## Problems

**Crisis:** If something is wrong and you can't find adequate help from your advisor, the UASO, the deans in 5-106 (x3-4861), or anywhere else, go to the psychiatrists (E23-376, x3-2916). These people specialize in helping when you're in trouble.

## Freshman Troubles

**Complaining about your advisor:** If you don't like your advisor, you can get a new one at the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (7-104, x3-6771). You can request a specific person or tell the UASO people what you want in an advisor. Don't hesitate to request a change if you feel one is necessary. You *can* change advisors more than once as well.

**Evaluation Forms:** If they're not at your living group, get them from the UASO (7-104). If you don't get completed forms back, bother your advisor.

**Failure (not passing):** Don't panic. Normally you will merely have to repeat the course if you want to get credit for it. Pleading sometimes helps. Possibly your evaluation forms did not give you a clear idea of where you stood. Talk to your professor. Remember that freshman failing grades are not recorded on your external transcript (but they might influence the CAP at the end of the term).

**Undergraduate seminars:** If you don't like — or think you won't do well in — your seminar, drop it or change to another one *immediately*. However much of these seminars have been advertised as “fun” courses, they *are* an indicator of your creativity and research potential; remember that in some departments the weeding-out process for graduate school starts first term freshman year. Beware that a few “freshman” seminars have, on occasion, assumed background beyond that of the average freshman (e.g., the



number-theory seminar had, in at least one year, assumed substantial familiarity with group theory).

You can obtain a listing of the seminars for the next term at the Undergraduate Academic Support in 7-104 (x3-3621).

## Warning, Undergraduate

The description of Warning below is quoted from a publication of the Committee on Academic Performance.

*Warning: This action would be appropriate in the case of a student whose performance is considered below standard, and whose status at the Institute may be jeopardized if his/her performance does not improve in the coming term. We feel that this action ought not to be viewed as punitive, but rather as a helping mechanism that will encourage such students to plan constructive action to improve their performance.*

If you have a problem or are facing a warning, talk to some of the Committee members or to Steve Patterson, assistant to the chairman of the CAP. His extension is x3-4164. Most of these people are quite reasonable individuals.

There is no set cut-off point for getting a warning or escaping it. CAP always will look at you if your term GPA is 3.0 or less, if you have completed less than 36 units for that term, or if you have received more than 12 units of Incomplete. The normal procedure is for each department to have a grades meeting at the end of each term, at which they will consider each student and make recommendations to the CAP. Therefore, if you think there is something the faculty of your department should know, tell them via your advisor or favorite professor before the end of the term.

Your advisor is your representative and advocate at these meetings and before the CAP. If you are having problems, make sure that he knows the full situation *before* you get into trouble.

If you have been ill, be sure you have thorough medical records to show the CAP, as you will not be believed otherwise. If you are claiming you have had “emotional problems,” you may have to get verification from a psychiatrist.

If you are on warning, your registration is limited to a maximum of 48 units (51 units, if you’re in Course 6 and have to take one of the 15-unit Course 6 courses). In some instances, the CAP may vote to restrict a person’s unit load to 39 or 36 units.

If you leave the Institute for academic reasons, you should consider yourself on academic warning every term after you return — the CAP does. However, if you leave before add date, CAP does not look at you that semester.

If you have any questions, ask Steve Patterson (7-103, x3-4164). He can also refer you to another member of the committee. In general, the committee is quite reasonable and tries to help students.

*Let’s not worry about details, this is engineering.*

— Prof. Rowell

## Warning, Graduate

Graduate students may receive a warning from the Committee on Graduate Student Policy if their cum is somewhere below the 3.5-to-4.0 range. However, the Committee is not required to warn you. If your poor performance continues, your department will probably recommend kicking you out — it is vital that both the CGSP and your advisor clearly understand the circumstances which are causing your problems.

## Withdrawal, Required

If you have been on warning at some point and are now doing poorly, the Committee on Academic Performance may, after consulting your advisor, require you to withdraw. Virtually no one flunks out because he isn't smart enough; if you're having trouble, there's probably some other factor at work. However, the CAP and Dean's Office may assume that you're not smart enough to do MIT work if they can't pinpoint any other cause for your problems — and it is *very* hard to get readmitted if you are suspected of lacking intellectual ability.

If you're headed for a withdrawal, *don't panic*. Visit the counseling deans (5-106) or the psychiatrists (E23-376). Feel free to ask any questions in the CAP office (7-103). The Placement Office can help you find a permanent job (or a temporary one if you intend to reapply for admission).

If you plan to transfer to another school, remember that most universities require a minimum 4.0 GPA (on the MIT scale) for transfer students. If yours is substantially below that, don't be surprised if you are told to go to junior college or night school. Some schools will allow you to "prove yourself" as a special student and then transfer in, but many will care only about your MIT GPA and won't let you in even if you have five terms of straight A's as a special student. If you really think you can't do MIT work, transfer out before the end of your sophomore year; in that case your high school grades will be a major basis for the admissions decision, and your MIT GPA won't hurt you that much. Northeastern University in Boston has accepted quite a number of people who have flunked out of MIT, but this school does not provide a particularly good undergraduate education in technical areas.

## Readmission after Required Withdrawal

The character of the CAP has changed quite a bit in the past two years. In the past, good performance at a technical job or in scientific courses at another college was a virtual guarantee of readmission. At present this is far from the truth, and even people who have gotten scientific papers published while away from MIT have been denied readmission. Note that the CAP's membership changes partially every year and the committee that can readmit you may have very different attitudes than the one that kicked you out.

When applying for readmission, you should submit to the CAP every existing piece of evidence showing that you are no longer a "person with problems" and will be a productive, disciplined, and enthusiastic student. This includes job recommendations, transcripts, and a medical report if you think your past problems were medical in origin. See Steve Patterson (7-103, x3-4164) for help in writing up an effective application.



If your problems were not very severe or were known to be of non-intellectual origin, you may be permitted to seek readmission through the Dean's Office rather than the CAP. This is faster and usually easier, and does not require as extensive an application. However, you are being looked at by one person rather than ten, and so there is much more potential for unfair treatment here. Talk to other students who have gone through Dean's Office readmission before selecting any particular dean. If you think you have not been given a fair deal, talk to Steve Patterson. (In the past, some deans have tried to restrict students' choice of major without much investigation into the student's actual strengths and weaknesses. Be aware that many people regard pure mathematics and physics as unsuitable for someone who has had academic problems.)

## **Voluntary Withdrawal and Leave of Absence**

If you want to leave school, even if only temporarily, you should contact the counseling deans (5-106) for advice and help with all the procedural hassles. If you're not sure whether to take a term or so off, try talking to one of the deans, your advisor, friends, or members of the Psychiatric Service. Also, the Placement Office can help you in finding a temporary or permanent job. In the case of a leave of absence, students will make arrangements for their return at the time they decide to leave. Your transcript will say "Leave of Absence," to distinguish you from quitters and flunk-outs.

Readmission of undergraduates who have withdrawn in good standing is not hard and is done through the DSA. You won't lose financial aid, and housing spaces are often available.

Readmission of graduate students is done through the department. If you're gone more than five years, you'll also need the approval of the CGSP.

## **Course Problems**

If you really don't like your professor, go to the undergraduate department office or to the departmental headquarters and explain why you would rather be in another section. Don't use the negative approach; instead, explain why another section would be better for you. If there is only one section, you can drop the course (and wait for next term) or grin and bear it.

If you have any problems at all, whether they concern problem set difficulties or room temperature, talk to the instructor. He wants feedback (in most cases) and will react favorably to the simple fact that you have gotten off your tail and said something — even if it is critical. Just do things tactfully, and you will be surprised at how well received you'll be.

If that doesn't work, try your advisor or other faculty members in the appropriate department. Go straight to the department head if necessary. Try the deans, especially the UASO (7-104, x3-6771), and then the counseling staff (5-106, x3-4861); they are all experienced in dealing with classroom complaints.

Don't worry that your comments might be too trivial to waste someone's time with. If something bothers you, it probably bothers other people too. If you're sufficiently interested to start poking around for some help, you're more than likely doing several people a favor by sparing them the trouble. If you're really unsure, sound out another student, a dean, or a random faculty member and see what happens. Normally, all you have to do is ask.

If your problems involve the course material, you have several paths available to you. Tutorials (if they exist) provide personalized help — it's best to attend them throughout the term and avoid the crowded cram sessions on the day before an exam. Your TA might also be able to arrange a help session. Faculty and students in your living group may have taken the course in question; they might have old quizzes and homework as well as an understanding of the material. Undergraduate offices also often have facilities to help out.

### Schedule Conflicts

If you have two or more conflicting subjects scheduled, check with the Schedules Office (E19-338, x3-4788). If you can't get into a different section, you'll have to go to half of the classes in each subject. Dropping one of the courses and waiting until the next term may be the best solution. Discuss the problem with each one of the instructors.

The schedule given on your schedule card is taken from the master list given in your registration booklet. During the first week of classes, many courses will not listen to the section assignments and you can simply show up at the most convenient section. However, this is not true for all courses; many have special procedures to change sections. After the first week, you generally need departmental approval to change your section.

### Department, Complaints/Suggestions

Your advisor is the first person to turn to. Other natural choices are the department head and other professors within the department. The department's feedback committee, if it exists, can also prove useful. Other resources include the local Course society, the Executive Officer, or even the secretaries at Headquarters. (These last offer information rather than brute-force pull. However, that information may prove invaluable and often is unavailable elsewhere.) The UASO (7-104, x3-6771) has no formal departmental connections but can give good advice.

## Graduation and Degrees

### Graduation

You must submit an application to be a degree candidate in order to graduate. The application is included in your registration material. MIT does not automatically grant your degree as soon as all requirements have been met. It is possible to graduate with one deficiency if it occurred in a subject for which you were registered in the final term and you made an honest effort to complete the course. Even then, graduation is not automatic. Your department will have to petition the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) and make a well-informed plea.

**Note:** Double-majors may *not* graduate with a deficiency.

*Thought is a risky enterprise to get involved in.*

— Prof. Whitesides

Before you receive your diploma, all library books must be returned, all keys to rooms and labs must be returned to the Office of the Superintendent of Physical Plant or to the appropriate professor, and all financial matters must be cleared. The Student Accounts Office will notify you of the deadline dates for all the formalities.



Prior to graduation, any student employed by the Institute must file a Termination Clearance form with the Payroll Office, with signatures certifying that (s)he has returned all keys, books, supplies, etc. Some labs have their own special termination procedures for teaching assistants.

## Degrees, Double

**Two Bachelor's Degrees:** You must fulfill requirements in two departments while accumulating 450 units instead of the 360 units required for one degree. You must deliver a petition to the Registrar's Office at least two terms before graduating; the petition must list the two degrees and the expected graduation date. Consult your advisors in both departments to find out about the deadline for application and to obtain approval of your entire program.

Make sure you contact both departments about your joint thesis if you plan to present one.

**Note to Samurai Students:** triple majors *are* possible. At the 1975 graduation, one student received three Bachelor's and one Master's degree after four years!

**Bachelor's and Master's Degrees:** Some departments will award a SB and a SM simultaneously. You must be accepted for graduate study at least one term before the degree is awarded; that requires a petition. Check with your advisor for details. If you want a Bachelor's degree in one department and a Master's in another, you are on your own. Don't worry, though — it has been done.

**Two Master's Degrees:** You do not necessarily have to take additional credit units for two Master's degrees. However, there are requirements about splitting up the units between the two departments. You can do a joint thesis for two Master's degrees; a petition must be filed at least two terms before graduation.

## Degrees, Interdepartmental

**Undergrads:** Many departments have concentrations which allow much work in another area (II-A, VI-1 Bio option, etc.). Check with your advisor. (See also **Degrees, Unspecified**).

## Degrees, Unspecified

Several courses (I, II, III, IV, VII, IX, X, XII, XIII, XV) sponsor very flexible programs that can be adjusted to suit your personal preferences up to a certain limit. Since all departments have the option of offering unspecified degrees, your advisor or department head can help you set up a program. But remember that you still must fulfill the general Institute requirements, even if they don't seem to fit into your personalized educational program.

## How to Get Around Requirements

If you want to be exempted from or make substitutions for Institute requirements, you have to petition the COC. Getting out of a departmental requirement will involve working things out with your advisor and the department head. You should talk to the people involved before writing your petition. Your advisor and the deans can be of help. Try

to find out about policies and precedents, and build up a believable case, which may take a major creative effort in borderline cases.

Don't be afraid to try; the results can be worth it. Petition forms are available from your advisor, the Registrar's Office, the UASO, and the Information Office. Your petition will be more effective if you justify yourself in two sentences on the petition itself. Items which are petitioned for most frequently are substitutions for humanities and lab requirements. Often other subjects may be substituted for certain requirements in a department. Make sure you have the approval of the instructor in the subject you want to substitute. If your petition is refused, you can appeal to the same committee and they may change their minds if you are persuasive enough.

*You would be amazed at what you can get away with if you act as if you're not getting away with anything.*

— M. Doyle

## Theses

**Undergrads:** Copies of *Specifications for Thesis Preparation*, published by the Libraries, are available from the UASO (7-104) and the Institute Archives (14N-118). Your advisor or department should be able to answer most questions.

*You do not exist. Neither does my thesis. It has priority.*

— East Campus door

# After Graduation

## Applying to Graduate Schools

**General Information:** Reasonably thorough collections of graduate school catalogs can be found in the Humanities Library and the Career Planning and Placement Office (12-170, x3-4733). The latter also has independent references on school reputations, financial aid, and degrees awarded. This particular service is right up Mr. Weatherall's alley; he's a former Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and personally familiar with many institutions. Don't let his title put you off: he's very friendly and a good person to ask for help. In addition, the office has some applications for the GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, and GRE. With regard to the GRE, the Graduate School office (3-138, x3-4860) has application forms and information. Reference copies of test bulletins are kept in the placement office (12-170).

Kenneth Wadleigh, Dean of the Graduate School, is particularly helpful if you want to come to MIT for graduate study. **Hint:** When applying to grad schools, it's usually best to specify the doctorate under "degree to be studied for." This and other rules of thumb may be gleaned from your advisor and other faculty if you ask for help.

## Getting A Recommendation

Recommendations may be at least as important as your cum. You should have a good working relationship with at least one faculty member and ask for recommendations early. Make sure that you have his/her approval before signing his/her name as a reference. It helps to know that you'll get a good recommendation. (Unlike many people in the "real world," MIT people tend to be brutally honest in their recommendations.)



## Admission to MIT Graduate School

For some departments (particularly Chemistry and Biology) it will be harder for MIT undergrads to get into MIT than for grads from other institutions of comparable quality. The ostensible reason is that departments want to avoid "inbreeding." Consult the department, the Admissions Office, and the Graduate School Manual for more information and help.

It is possible to be admitted as an interdisciplinary graduate student. You still have to find a department that will admit you, but some flexibility is allowed. It will take a lot of talking to get what you want and at least one professional ally. Don't delay.

## Prelaw, Premed, and Education Counseling

The Committee on Preprofessional Advising and Education serves the special needs of students interested in entering the medical, legal, and teaching professions (and related areas in public administration). The Committee itself consists of three advisory councils, one in each field. If you are wondering what it feels like to be a professional in one of these areas, the members of the advisory councils will be glad to tell you.

The Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4737) publishes special handbooks for the fields mentioned above. It also provides graduate school catalogs, applications for entrance exams (MCAT, LSAT, etc.), and academic counseling and sponsors seminars given by professionals and representatives of graduate schools. Students interested in teaching should contact the Wellesley Education Department. MIT students can gain teaching certification through Wellesley. See the Exchange Office for details (7-108, x3-1668).

*It's important that you think like a molecule.*

— Prof. Sharpless

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# Financial

**Finance** *n.* The act or science of managing revenues and resources for the best advantage of the manager. The pronunciation of the word with the *i* long and the accent on the first syllable is one of America's most precious discoveries and possessions.

— Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

## Paying the 'Tuteing Piper

### Financial Statements

MIT Student Account Statements from the Bursar's Office arrive before the start of each semester. If you think the Institute screwed up your financial statement, contact the Student Accounts Office (E19-215, x3-4133). However, before you jump to hasty conclusions, remember that invoices are random, and the bill you receive may include a debt that you have already paid.

### Where to Make a Payment

Payments to the Institute can be made at the cashier's office (10-180) or Bursar's Office (E19-215.) Payments can also be mailed to the address specified on the Student Account Statement. Payments for each term are due about a month before new classes begin. An alternative to paying in full by the due date is the Bursary Payment Plan. The plan allows you to pay your student account balance in four monthly installments per term.

You get a valid ID sticker in exchange for payment. If you haven't paid by Registration Day, a visit to Student Accounts will be in order. This may require unending patience due to long lines and long-winded explanations; best to avoid this madness if possible.

*Tuition is \$250 per year. But that's not including breakage.*

— MIT Handbook, 1916

## Financial Aid

### Undergraduates

Money for undergraduates normally comes in package deals, part scholarship, part loan, part term-time job. The amount of each is determined by the people in the Financial Aid Office (5-119, x3-4971) from data you and your parents have given them when you filed the Financial Aid Form through the College Scholarship Service (U.S., Canadian, or Mexican citizens) or the special "For Students From Foreign Countries" application, MIT's own financial aid application, and a copy of your parents' tax forms. The resources are very tight, but they are there to be used. So if you need money, go check things out there; don't give up. The financial aid forms are usually mailed to continuing aid recipients in February. If you haven't received aid but would like to try, go to the Financial Aid Office (5-119) and request an application. These forms are usually due sometime in April. **MAKE THE DEADLINES!!!!!!!!** Deadlines will be published for the coming school year.

REMEMBER, *all* undergraduates must file a form declaring their draft status (e.g. female, registered, etc.) before they are eligible to receive aid every year.

*Caution:* Your college work-study eligibility does *not* guarantee you a job when you arrive at MIT. It means that MIT expects you to contribute that amount to your support by working (or some other suitable means, i.e. loans) while at MIT.

Furthermore, your earnings are taxable so you must file several forms to prevent taxes from being taken out of your paycheck.

*If the cost of a college education continues to snowball for many more years, a person can make a profit by remaining ignorant.*

— Anonymous

## Graduate Students

The Graduate School Office (3-138) and your own department's headquarters have all the information needed to apply for financial aid, including information on industrial and foundation grants. Most financial aid programs have early application deadlines, so get to work early.

The Graduate School Office can be particularly helpful with applications for national and MIT fellowships. You can get advice on fellowship opportunities, an advance on your funds, and other information.

It is better to apply for a 12-month federal fellowship than a 9-month fellowship; your chances are as good, and after you receive the reward you can change it to nine months without any trouble. The reverse is much harder.

You will find that your department is instrumental in almost all financial support decisions. It also has an intimate grasp of what opportunities are available, both inside and outside MIT. Be sure to keep in touch with both your advisor and department headquarters.

Between 80 and 85% of grad students are receiving some sort of financial aid through MIT, their governments, an outside foundation, or some other means. There are Research Assistantships (RA's), Teaching Assistantships (TA's), Federal Traineeships, industrial grants, MIT awards and other random sources of income for graduate students. Some of these kinds of support (e.g. RA, TA) are obtained from the department, while some come through the Graduate School Office. Other sources such as state and federal loans come through dealings with the Financial Aid Office.

There are some legalities involved; RA grants are usually tax-free, while TA grants are not. Foreign students are not usually eligible for Federal fellowships. Be careful to read all the fine print. Your department and the Grad School Office should be able to help out.

*It depends on how carefully you think about it. If you don't think very carefully it's obvious, but if you think very carefully you'll get confused and it won't be obvious.*

— Professor Baltay

## Loans

Both undergraduates and graduates apply for loans at the Financial Aid Office (5-119, x3-4971). Although scholarships are disbursed on a scheduled basis, loans can often be



arranged to fill unforeseen gaps in your budget. Jobs are sometimes provided for the same purpose. *NOTE:* If you are granted a loan, be sure to go to the Student Loan Office (E19-225) and sign for it at the beginning of the term. Otherwise it is likely to go away in a month.

Emergency Loans: See **Emergency Information** in the **Help!!** section of this book.

*The lack of money is the root of all evil.*

— Mark Twain

## Financial Aid vs. Grades and Disciplinary Action

**Undergraduates:** Need is the only criterion that determines how much aid you get and how it is split up.

**Grads:** Academic performance is still important for financial aid.

## So the Financial Aid Office Screwed You:

1. Go to the Financial Aid Office and talk to them. They cannot lower the amount of the aid package. They might even increase it. It's worth a try if you have a legitimate complaint.
2. Get in on your state loan program; check with the Financial Aid Office. In most cases, the loan will be interest-free until you get out of school, grad school, the Peace Corps or military service.
3. Have your parents get a loan from their bank.
4. Try to get a term-time job. Check at the Student Employment Office (5-119, x3-4973), which is behind a bulletin board in the Financial Aid Office.
5. Veterans, check on your VA benefits with Stan Hudson at the Fin. Aid Office (5-119, x3-4971). Social Security benefits are handled at the Registrar's Office (E19-335, x3-4784).

*If you think the Financial Aid Office screwed you, wait 'til you get to the Bursar's Office.*

— Dan Doherty

## Special Payments

There are special advisors, assigned by classes for undergrads and by schools for grads, in the Student Accounts Office (E19-215). Check for yours in the gray section of your *Student Directory*.

If you are taking fewer than 33 units, you can arrange to pay tuition on a per unit basis. Check with the Dean for Student Affairs (7-133, x3-6776) for the necessary paperwork. *Warning:* if you wait too long before doing the paperwork, you will have to pay full tuition. The Deans' Office can also help you if you feel that you have run into extraordinary difficulties and you don't want to pay full tuition (e.g. family emergency that caused you to leave school for seven weeks, then return just in time to flunk your subjects). Each case receives individual treatment, and the deans are understanding in cases of genuine problems. Check with the ODSA or Student Assistance Services (5-106, x3-4861).

## Work

### Jobs During the School Year

Finding a job is not too difficult; finding one you like may be a little harder. During the school year over 3000 undergraduates seek and locate part-time employment on campus ranging from working desk in the dormitories to operating the MIT reactor. The libraries, dormitories, and dining halls usually hire during the *first* week of each semester. Be on the alert for sign-up meetings and get started early or you will miss your chance. However, even if you do miss the initial sign up, you can always place yourself on their waiting lists. Openings do appear during the term. If working in Lobdell doesn't appeal to you, check the Student Employment Office (5-119, within the Financial Aid Office). They maintain listings of jobs within MIT and the Boston area. They provide contacts — you must follow them up.

You can usually find something you like if you try hard enough. Like most things in life, you get what you put into it. Research projects are also a good supply of jobs. The work ranges from drudge work to something you can do a thesis on (often within the same job). UROP publishes a booklet each year listing hundreds of professors and labs and their areas of research. The UROP Directory is available at the UROP Office (20B-141, x3-5049) or at the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (7-104, x3-6771). Find professors in fields that interest you and start asking. Also check the UROP bulletin board in the Infinite corridor outside of the Admissions Office (3-108). If you would like to do a UROP project with a professor who is not listed, make an appointment to see him. There may still be research positions available. It may take a while, but you should be able to find something. Funding can come from the professor's research grant, UROP (check their booklet for details), or the College Work-Study Program (CWSP, eligibility for this varies, check with the Financial Aid Office). Very often some combination of these is used.

Three jobs that are almost always available:

1. Psychology experiments. Quick, easy, small money. Call x3-5749 or x3-5751, or check 9.00 lectures.
2. Dietary experiments. Slow, bad-tasting and restrictive, featuring complete measurement of dietary input and output, big money. Call Edwina Murray (20A-221, x3-4073). Also check posters. Some studies, for less compensation, are for shorter duration and are less restrictive.
3. Campus publications (including *HowToGAMIT*) are always looking for people to sell ads — it's hard work, but usually pays a commission of at least 15%.

*The worst cynicism: a belief in luck.*

— Joyce Carol Oates

### Summer Jobs

Decide what you want to do over the summer before Christmas, so you can visit hometown firms over the winter vacation and beat the rush (but not by much).

If you're preparing a resume be clear and precise. Don't undersell yourself, but don't make claims you can't substantiate. Use your good sense and you should be able to



present a good resume that will enhance your job chances. Be sure to have some good references in mind. (See **Getting a Recommendation in Academics.**) The office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4733) will assist you in preparing your resume.

You should try to prepare a resume using Project Athena. They have already prepared a sample resume which you can just edit. Then you can print your resume on the Xerox 9700 printer in Building #11, and will look as good as a resume done by a resume preparing company.

Check your abilities. Do you speak a foreign language? Can you program computers? There are often vacancies available for people with esoteric skills, even though the general job market is bad. You might even try looking for a foreign job.

There are some openings with the state or federal Civil Services. Unskilled or semi-skilled government work isn't the greatest thing in the world, but it's available and it won't tax your mind. If you want to take a Federal Civil Service Exam, contact the Placement Bureau or call 223-2571 for information (try not to call between 11 am-2 pm, as you'll probably only get a recording). For state civil services, check with the particular state.

*Note:* Some large cities have MIT alumni clubs which may invite you to a gathering over Christmas vacation. A good many of these alumni are likely to be businessmen with jobs available for students from their alma mater. Check with these gatherings if you're looking for an interesting summer job.

The Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4733) sponsors interviews with companies who sometimes are looking for summer workers. Check under **Permanent Employment** in this chapter for other resources.

You can usually find a summer job related to your major in Boston or Cambridge if you start looking early. The Alumni Office (10-110) has lists of alumni and where they work. Try contacting them and seeing if they can offer you a summer job. Also, the Student Jobs Office (5-119) has listings of summer jobs.

Many students start or continue research projects during the summer. UROP helps fund many of these jobs. Their application deadline comes in mid-April.

If you're around Boston and can't find another job, try some of the odd jobs listed in the *Boston Phoenix/B.A.D.* They might provide interesting non-academic employment (e.g. carpentry, electric wiring, etc.).

*The true test of intelligence is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.*

— John Holt

## Permanent Employment

*After about four glorious years at the Institute, the MIT graduate is usually ready to go out and face the dark, cruel world on his own. This means that the student must decide how he can make the money roll in.*

— The Social Beaver, 1958

No matter what you intend to do, get started early. Junior year is certainly not too early to start thinking about graduation and what you plan to do afterwards. Go to some of the Career Fairs and seminars sponsored by various student groups.

The Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x3-4733) serves both students and alumni. They sponsor meetings between students and recruiters. Check their office for schedules. They also publish a *Placement Manual* and distribute the *College Placement Annual* (helpful even for summer employment) and have an extensive library of job contacts. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

If you are interested in a career in law, medicine, or education, there is the Preprofessional Advising and Education Office (12-170, x3-4737). Check under **Prelaw, Premed and Education Counseling** in the **Academics** section.

Your department *should* be able to offer career guidance, and your advisor *should* be capable of helping you sort out possibilities, with special knowledge of your abilities and preferences. Also try the professional societies such as IEEE, ASME, and AIChE.

The Industrial Liaison Office (39-623, x3-2691) keeps in close touch with companies around the world. Though its main function is not career counseling, but rather industrial liaison, you might try to get an advisor in ILO. Try hard.

The Center for Advanced Engineering Study (information 9-223, x3-7400), like the ILO, is pitifully underused. Its basic function is to give advanced and refresher education to scientists and engineers working in industry, but you can use it to find out where things are in the outside world, who's working on what, and to build contacts with workers in your field.

# Money

## Banks

A survey of the services offered by nearby banks was taken in March 1987 and the results are shown in the chart on the following pages. Note that most banks require a minimum balance for free checking. The chart indicates the requisite minimum and lists the service charges incurred if the account falls below that. "Direct deposit" refers to direct deposit of MIT paychecks to a student's account. Ask for information at the Payroll office (E19-510).

## Cashing Personal Checks

You can cash personal checks up to \$100 (or larger, with the approval of the Bursar or Assistant Bursar) at the Cashier's Office (10-180, open 9-4). A valid MIT ID is required, there is a 35¢ charge, and no third-party or payroll checks are accepted.

Of course, the bank at which your account is held will cash checks drawn against it free of charge. Banks are generally open 9 am-3:30 pm Monday through Friday, and some feature extra hours each day and/or Saturday.

*Note:* If your account is in one of the Shawmut banks, your checks cannot be cashed by other banks in the Shawmut Association — you *must* go to your own bank. Also, the BayBanks are affiliated by the name after the slash (e.g. BayBank/Harvard, BayBank/



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<b>BayBank/Harvard Trust</b> Harvard Square Central Square Kendall Square Technology Square	<b>661-3300</b> M-F 8:30-5, S 9-1 M-F 8:30-4, S 9-1 M-F 8:30-4 M-F 8:30-4	Savings: 5¼%, \$250 minimum Regular checking: \$500 minimum or \$1000 in savings Service charge: \$2.50/month + 30¢/transaction, no fee if direct deposit NOW: 5¼, \$1000 minimum, \$1500 in savings Service charges: same as above  ATM
<b>BayBank/Middlesex</b> Inman Square, 868-3700 Lechmere Square, 868-4400	MTRF 9-4, W 9-1, S 9-12, MTRF 9-4, W 9-1	5¼% savings, \$250 minimum Regular checking: \$500 minimum or \$1000 in savings Service charge: \$2.50/month + 30¢/transaction, no fee if direct deposit NOW: 5¼%, \$1000 minimum, \$1500 in savings Service charges: same as above  ATM
<b>Boston Five</b> 10 School St., 742-6000 Boylston St. (near Pru), 267-8841 Boylston St. (near Berkley), 536-0150	<b>742-6000</b> M-F 8:30-4, S 9-1 M-F 9-4 M-W 9-4	Savings: 5½%, \$10.00 minimum NOW: 5%, \$1000 minimum Service charges: \$.20/check or \$2/month (whichever is greater) \$2/month maintenance fee regardless of minimum balance, no fee if direct deposit  ATM
<b>Cambridge Savings</b> Harvard Square Kendall Square	<b>864-8700</b> M-F 8-5:30, S 9-1 M-R 8:30-3, F 8:30-6	Savings: 5½%, \$10 minimum NOW: 5¼%, \$500 minimum service charge: 10¢/check  ATM
<b>Cambridge Trust</b> Harvard Square Kendall Square	<b>876-5500</b> M-F 8:30-3 (window till 5), S 9-12:30 M-F 8-3 (window till 5), S 9-12:30	Savings: 5½%, \$200 minimum Regular checking: \$400 minimum Service charges: \$4.00/month-\$1.00 for each hundred dollars in minimum balance and 20¢/check or ATM withdrawal if under minimum, no fee if direct deposit NOW: 5%, \$400 minimum Service charges: \$4.00/month + 20¢ check or ATM withdrawal  ATM
<b>Cambridgeport Savings</b> Central Square	<b>661-4900</b> MTWTF 8:30-4, R 8:30-6, S 9-1	Savings: 5½%, \$10 minimum Regular checking: \$400 average ally balance Service charge: \$5.00/month NOW: 5%, \$400 average daily balance Service charges: same as above  ATM



**Capitol Bank and Trust**  
 Beacon St.  
 Boylston St.  
 Government Ctr.

723-5300

M-R 8:15-4, F 8:15-5:30  
 M-F 8-4:30  
 M-F 8:30-5:30

Savings: 5¼%, \$100 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$400 minimum  
 Service charges: \$3.00/month + 25¢/check  
 NOW: 5¼%, \$500 minimum  
 Service charges: \$3.00/month + 25¢/check or deposit

**Coolidge Bank and Trust**

Kendall Square, 354-1036  
 Harvard Square, 354-3616

M-R 8:30-5, F 8:30-6  
 M-F 8-4

ATM

Savings: 5%, \$100 minimum  
 Service charges: \$2/month  
 Regular checking: \$500 minimum  
 Service charge: \$3/month + 20¢/check or deposit, no fee if direct deposit  
 NOW: 5%, \$1000 minimum  
 Service charge: \$4/month + 25¢/check

**First American Bank**

Boylston St.

266-1206  
 M-F 8-5:30

ATM

Savings: 5½%, \$10 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$300 minimum  
 Service charges: \$.30/check or \$.00/month (whichever is greater), no fee if direct deposit  
 NOW: 5¼%, \$1000 minimum  
 Service charges: same as above

**First National Bank of Boston**

Federal St., 434-2200  
 Prudential Plaza, 434-8080  
 Kenmore Square, 434-3460

M-F 9:00-5:30  
 M-R 9-4:30, F 9-5:30  
 M-R 9-4:30, F 9-5:30

ATM

Savings: 5½%, \$250 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$500 minimum  
 Service charges: \$3.50/month + 30¢/check or deposit  
 NOW: 5¼%, \$1000 minimum or \$2500 average  
 Service charges: \$3.50/month + 30¢/machine tellers

**Northeast Savings Bank**

Harvard Square

923-3615  
 M-F 9-4

ATM

Savings: 5½%, \$100 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$400 minimum  
 Service charges: \$4/month + 20¢/check  
 NOW: 5¼%, \$700 average monthly balance minimum  
 Service charges: same as above

**Shawmut County Bank**

Central Square, 499-3603  
 Lechmere Square, 499-3945  
 Harvard Square, 499-3865

499-3000  
 M-W 8:30-3, RF 8:30-5  
 M-W 8:30-3, RF 8:30-5  
 M-W 5:30-3, RF 8:30-5

ATM

Savings: 5¼%, \$300 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$500 minimum  
 Service charges: \$3/month + 30¢/check or deposit or 20¢/ATM or \$6/month flat  
 NOW: 5%, \$1000 minimum  
 Service charges: same as above

**US Trust/Middlesex**

Central Square  
 Harvard Square  
 Kendall Square

864-4444  
 M-W 9-4, RF 9-5  
 M-W 9-4, RF 9-5  
 M-W 9-4, RF 9-5, S 9-12

ATM

Savings: 5½%, \$350 minimum  
 Regular checking: \$500 average balance  
 Service charges: \$3.00/month + 30¢/check  
 NOW: 5¼%, \$1000 average balance  
 Service charges: \$3.00/month + 30¢/check

Middlesex, etc.). You may use the X-PRESS24 card to withdraw or deposit from all branches statewide as well as to obtain money from bank machines operating on the CIRRUS national network. There will be a Bay Banks machine in the new Student Center.

Many supermarkets in the area cash checks for a service charge if you have a courtesy card for that store. Apply for one at the customer service booth. The limit on how much you can cash varies from \$25 to \$100 for a personal check, more for a paycheck.

### Income Tax Information

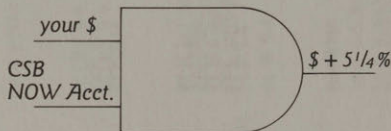
Federal Income Tax forms are generally available in local banks. Massachusetts Income Tax forms are available in post offices. However, if you can't find the necessary forms, call.

**Federal:** Check with the Internal Revenue Service in the JFK Building downtown (Government Center Boston) or call 523-1040.

**State:** Check with the Revenue Department, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, Leverett Saltonstall Building (100 Cambridge St., Boston, 727-4545).

**International Students:** Call the Alien Tax Information Office, 223-3446 or contact the IRS at 523-1040.

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## Credit Cards

Following the national trend toward cashless purchasing, many stores now accept various kinds of credit cards. In addition to the various general cards, such as MasterCard or Visa, there are many store-specific credit cards such as those issued by Jordan Marsh, Filene's, and many other large department stores. For a student to obtain any credit card may be difficult. However, in recent years, banks and gas companies have begun to loosen their restrictions somewhat. If you are a junior or up, look around for some of the applications for VISAs or MASTERCARDs. If you're lucky (or unlucky), the companies may ask you to just sign your name before they send you a card (gas companies). Remember, though, that these companies usually charge an annual fee and interest. Still, the most common obstacle to getting a credit card is the requirement of an income in excess of \$10,000/year. This is enough to prevent most full-time students from obtaining a card. However, some agencies will allow you to get a card if your parents are willing to sign a letter guaranteeing that they will pay your unpaid bills. Your best bet is to check with the individual store or company about this procedure.

There is one notable exception to the hassle over obtaining credit cards, namely the Coop card. Coop cards are easy for students to obtain (check with Customer Service in the Kendall Square Coop), and entitle the owner to full charging privileges at any branch of the Harvard Cooperative Society. As with any credit card, you have to pay the full amount of purchases charged each month, or pay a monthly finance charge (maximum of 1½% per month).

Along with credit cards have come credit card thieves, who are expert at changing the signatures and even the photographs on a card, and running up tremendous bills with it. If your credit card is lost or stolen, report it immediately. Most cards carry a liability limit of \$50, but the trouble and inconvenience associated with forged charges and getting a new card make it worthwhile to keep careful watch on your credit cards. After you report the loss of a credit card to the bank, you cannot be charged for purchases made on it, even below the liability limit. It is a good idea to keep a list of all credit cards and numbers to be able to report a stolen card. Also be sure to check out liability commitments for each credit card you have; if the limit is unacceptably high or non-existent, get some insurance on your cards (available at most banks).

## Insurance

**Insurance** *n.* An ingenious modern game of chance in which the player is permitted to enjoy the comfortable conviction that he is beating the man who keeps the table.

—Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

The most important point is to find a reputable insurance company. This, among other things, means going to a state-licensed agent who represents a well-known company. Rates don't vary at all in Massachusetts. Buy your insurance elsewhere if you can. Beware of salesmen who add "service charges" on top of the normal bill. Be cautious also about mail solicitations. Above all don't be afraid to ask questions and make sure you know all the details before signing.

For information on automobile insurance, see **Insurance** in the **Travel and Transportation** section. For information on medical insurance, see the **Medical** section of the **Facilities** chapter.



**Life Insurance:** If you do decide to buy life insurance, Savings Bank Life Insurance (available at any bank with the words "Savings Bank" in the title) is the best deal you can get as a Massachusetts resident.

**Student Life Insurance:** Unless you already have dependents, there is absolutely no reason to insure yourself. Even if you should die before you have paid off your educational loans, they will be waived automatically, and your parents will not be hit with an unexpected debt. Don't be taken by promises of preferential rates later when you sign up for full insurance; by the time you need it you will have a much better idea of what you want. Check with a lawyer if you want further details.

## Personal Property

In general if you are still part of your family's household (i.e. you are still a dependent) your personal property, including bikes and stereos, will be covered by any standard homeowner's policy. If you are not covered in this way, you can take out a tenant's policy which is generally a "\$50 deductible" policy (i.e. you pay the first \$50 of any loss). The premiums vary from about \$50-100 for about \$7,000 worth of insurance (generally a minimum), so check what you have and decide if it's worth it. Certain items might have to be insured by means of floaters, such as jewelry, as part of homeowner's insurance.

## Operation Identification

To reduce the chance of theft (and increase the chance of having your possessions returned if they are stolen), Campus Police is participating in "Operation Identification." Under this program the Police has electric scribes available for loan, so that you can engrave your Social Security number (ID number) on your cameras, stereos, etc. This permanent marking makes the property readily identifiable as yours, and thus harder for a thief to sell.

*Getting an education from MIT is like trying to get a drink of water from a fire hose: you get hosed and your parents get soaked*

— Drop Poster Sign





# Housing

Living conditions can affect both your social and academic success while at the Institute. Accordingly, great care should be taken in deciding where to live, as transfers become increasingly difficult as the extent of the change increases (see **Moving** later in this chapter).

*Note:* Like most large urban areas, Boston and Cambridge have an ample supply of individuals who make it their business to relieve you of any movable item not securely locked away. *Don't say we didn't warn you!*

There are four types of housing available to MIT people: dormitories and on-campus apartments, fraternities, MIT-affiliated independent living groups, and off-campus apartments. Students with housing problems can turn to Dean James Tewhey (7-133, x3-4051). For off-campus housing information consult the Off-Campus Housing Service E32-121, x3-1493.

## Dormitories

For descriptions of the various undergraduate dormitories, consult the *Undergraduate Residence Book*, available from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (7-133).

A few hints for some dormitory problems are listed below:

### Physical Problems with Dormitories

The desk staff and house manager can handle a wide variety of problems arising from the physical considerations of the dorm. Some dorms have listings of services provided, either posted or available for inspection. Ask. Complaints about desk staff should be made to the staff captain.

**Humidity** — During the winter, low humidity seems to be quite common in dormitories. If you continually wake up in the morning with a sore throat, try placing a few cans or dishes of water on the radiator. You'll be surprised how fast the water goes away, and even more surprised by what it leaves behind. Small, cheap humidifiers (under \$20) are available in local drugstores.

**Painting or Remodeling a Room** — The Institute provides free paint in any of eight colors to residents of East Campus, Senior House, and Bexley, once per year per room. To get paint, go to your house desk and choose your hues; the paint will be delivered there. Residents of other dorms should check with the manager before touching a brush to the wall, as they may be forced to pay to have the walls returned to their original color. One thing to remember is to order paint very early; it takes time to get it.

Non-destructive remodeling is OK in most cases as long as the room can be restored to its original state. The newer dorms tolerate less self-expression, and painting or building a loft may be considered serious offenses.

**Pets** — Pets are not allowed in the dormitories. Tolerance of any animal's stay is subject to veto by any member of the living group, as the Housing Office will then have to enforce the regulation. If you want to keep your beloved animal, make sure that your neighbors are not disturbed by noise, smell, or sand trays.

**Wild Animals** (Squirrels, Snakes and Bugs) — Despite appearances, the squirrels living on the East Campus are *not* tame. Don't leave food lying around your room in cardboard containers or plastic bags — the squirrels will gnaw through the window frame if they smell anything. Also, some of the biggest cockroaches in the East, as well as assorted mice, caterpillars, mosquitos and other vermin, inhabit most dorms, especially during the summer. They won't cause any problem, as long as you keep the windows closed or install a good screen. Roach Motels are available at dorm desks.

**Waterbeds** — Waterbeds are allowed in dormitories, provided that the floors are deemed strong enough to support them safely. You'll need to get the House Manager to approve the model and inspect the installation. As long as you treat the waterbed with care and don't puncture it accidentally, there should be no problems. (*Warning:* The standard lease for apartments specifically forbids waterbeds. If moving from a dorm to an apartment, check to see if you can take the waterbed with you.)

**Refrigerators** — In some dorms, refrigerator space is included with the room rent. If you don't get one or need more space, you can buy a used one for under fifty dollars from another student or one of the several used-refrigerator dealers in the area. Check ads in *The Tech*, *Tech Talk*, and bulletin boards, or the *Yellow Pages*.

**Telephones** — Undergraduate dorms are equipped with phones. The new 5ESS phone system is expected to be operational August 1988. For operation see Appendix 6.

**Locked Yourself Out of Room** — With the advent of new doors and real locks in some dormitories, it has become much more difficult for the locked-out resident to pick his own lock. If the time-honored Coop card or coat hanger doesn't work, go to the desk and sign out a spare key (which is easier, and less suspicious-looking besides). If the desk is closed, find the night watchman or, in desperation, call the Campus Police, who have keys to everywhere.

**Valuables** — Easily removable valuables, such as jewelry, money, watches, etc. should never be left unguarded in a dorm room, even for a short period of time. On lower floors, keep TV's, stereos, radios, tape recorders and the like out of easy sight through your window — no point in inviting trouble.

**Bicycles** — Most dorms have a semi-secure place to lock up your bike. However, lots of people use these areas; some may be careless and leave gates unlocked, reducing the security to the level of any back street in Cambridge. New and/or expensive bikes are safer for each additional lock between them and the bike market. See the Transportation chapter for more information.

**Varying Room Costs** — The Institute gives recognition to the unequal desirability of rooms by charging slightly different rents for different rooms in some dorms. Factors that cause rents to vary include number of people using kitchen and bathroom facilities, common space, closets, view, elevator service, trash collection, etc. The exact cost of your room will be charged to you on your financial statement.

**Liability for Damages** — You can be assessed for a share of any damages in your suite or floor that cannot be pinned on an individual. This bill must be paid before you can receive your degree.



## Independent Living Groups and Fraternities

MIT's 33 independent living groups are diverse by any standard. Descriptions of each house (written by someone who lives there) can be found in the *Undergraduate Residence Book*, but the only way to get to know a house is to visit it and meet the people.

### Joining an Independent Living Group or Fraternity

Of those people who pledge fraternities, the vast majority join as freshmen or incoming transfers during R/O Week, although exceptions occur. The Interfraternity Conference (W20-413, x3-2170) can provide more information.

### Concerns

If you are having problems with your fraternity, talk to the ILG advisor (W20-501). He can discuss your options (including depledging) and the merits of each. It is more important to live as hassle-free as possible than to bow to social pressure.

### Rush Violations and Inter-House Disputes

The main purpose of rush rules is to ensure that no freshman feels pressured or abused by a rushing living group during R/O. The Judicial Committee of the IFC is responsible for investigating house violation of rush rules, and with meting out penalties. If you have a complaint or want more information, contact the IFC Judicial Committee Chairman or the Rush Chairman (W20-413). During R/O Week they can be reached through Clearinghouse and/or the R/O Center.

### Sororities

The national sororities Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega follow National Panhellenic Rush rules. The system they developed is highly organized and geared toward making things as fair as possible both for the rushees and the sororities. "Rush counselors" are always available to rushees for the purpose of addressing any questions or concerns.

### Student House

Student House is an MIT-recognized cooperative coed dwelling. Because it is a cooperative, it costs approximately half the MIT estimate for room and board, a savings of about \$2000. Student House often has openings and accepts applications year-round. For more information call, write, or drop by at the House itself (111 Bay State Rd., Boston, x3-3157 or 247-0506).

*People who live in glass houses make interesting neighbors.*

— Anonymous

## On-Campus Graduate Housing

**Ashdown House:** Procedures for getting into Ashdown House differ considerably from those of other houses. Graduates may apply as soon as they are admitted; so may those already living here and living off-campus. A lottery is held on approximately June 1 to fill the fall vacancies, and a waiting list is set up, from which the top 20 (more or less) people are usually accepted by August 15. After that, the waiting list is abolished and

any remaining spaces are lotteried off during R/O Week (watch for notices). The probability of your getting in at the beginning of the spring term is fairly good (apply in December). New students normally have their rooms for one year; continuing students may, however, apply for a tenured space. Once you have a tenured space, you may stay until you finish your studies.

*Note:* The summer term is considered separately. Even if you start at the beginning of the summer term, you must apply for the June lottery for fall spaces.

**Green Hall:** Small, all women's dormitory. The application procedure is similar to that of Ashdown.

**Tang Hall:** A lottery is held on June 15 to fill vacancies. Most new students will receive untenured spaces (one year of occupancy); they may reapply for tenured spaces. Chances for getting in are better if occupancy begins during the summer. Apply at the Housing Office (E32-200).

## Married Student Housing

**Eastgate and Westgate:** The application process for these units is unique. For information concerning this process, the availability of openings, and a description of their physical facilities consult the booklet entitled *Welcome to MIT: A Practical Planning Guide for New Graduate Students*, available in the Housing Office (E32-200).

## Off-Campus Housing

*Probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities.*

— Aristotle

The housing situation around Boston is *bad*. Rents are high, quality is low, and tenant rights with respect to landlords are not well established. Be careful when looking for housing, and get all the help you can find.

If you think you want to live in an apartment, or even if you already have one, go to the Off-Campus Housing Service (E32-121, x3-1493). Ask for *A Guide to Security Deposits* and *Shopping for an Apartment*, which are sources of information on the legal and contractual side of renting. Like all OCHS services, it is free to MIT people.

Basically, you will have to:

1. Find an apartment. The OCHS operates a service for helping people find roommates and/or vacant rooms, and they maintain listings of vacant apartments. Plan on checking the lists early and often (like starting in July for a September lease), as the best offerings are taken quickly. There are commercial outfits which can find non-MIT roommates, though OCHS doesn't limit itself to Institute people, either.
2. See the apartment. Sign *nothing* until you are sure that the apartment is suitable and habitable; don't trust any verbal agreement. Also *do not* pay for anything before seeing the apartment.
3. Sign an application form and make a deposit. The larger realty companies require this. It is mostly to ensure that you can pay, but they can refuse your tenancy for very simple reasons, such as being a student, although grounds such as race, sex, age,



nationality or possession of children are illegal. Once you sign the application, the landlord can force you to sign the lease, so read the lease first. On the other hand, there is no corresponding obligation for the landlord; he is *not* under contract until the lease is signed. Don't sign more than one application, or you could be in serious trouble.

4. Sign the lease. If your lease is the standard form of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, or one of the forms used by several large realty firms, it will be several pages of obfuscatory small print. If you rent from an individual, the form will (hopefully) be short and simple. **Read it.** If something isn't specified it will work to your disadvantage, you can be sure, and you may be liable for rent even if it goes up halfway through the year. At the end of the year, you may be forced to rent for another twelve months unless you give notice some specified time in advance. The people who work in OCHS will be happy to examine the lease for you, and explain what the clauses mean and where you may have trouble. A lease is a contract. It can be enforced.

Prices vary widely. Expect to pay at least \$600 per month for an entire apartment, although living with roommates can reduce your cost to around \$300 per month. You will probably have to make a security deposit of one to two months' rent. Leases usually run from September 1 to August 31, so remember that you are also promising to rent for the following summer. Subletting is legal only if the landlord agrees in writing, in which case you are still responsible to him.

It is also possible to rent furnished rooms (possibly including cooking privileges) by the month or even by the week; such an arrangement is called a Tenancy-At-Will. In this case the lease may be terminated by either side as long as written notice is given in advance, usually by the rental period plus one day.

The Off-Campus Housing Service is always ready to handle questions and complaints related to off-campus housing. They maintain files on all kinds of relevant information: which of the local schools are worthwhile, official definitions of adequate heat and water, legal problems such as rent control, furniture stores and rental agencies. Also they have telephones on which you can call agents and landlords.

## Moving

Generally, the difficulties involved in moving from one mode of residence to another are considerable. You can't move from a dorm to a fraternity unless invited. Finding an off-campus apartment can be a hassle, and once you're out of the dormitory system, it's difficult to get back in; it is advisable to think out your moves carefully. Your best resource and authority is Jack Keefe at the Dean's Office (7-133,x3-6777). Contact him with questions and to settle administrative details.

### Transferring Within Dormitories

There is little problem. Consult your house room assignment committee for transfers to vacant rooms. In arranging a swap, make sure you are not violating any priority system.

### Transferring Between Dormitories

The simplest way to transfer between dormitories is a one-for-one switch; find someone in your target dorm to trade spaces with you. This procedure is usually easiest between terms, though you can do it anytime. But note that you may not be able to trade rooms,

only spaces — entering into a dorm as a newcomer, you may go to the bottom of its priority list; check with the room assignment chairperson first.

Changing dorms without a switch is a bit more difficult, the chief constraint being available space. In either case, you will need final approval from the Dean's office.

### **Transferring from a Fraternity to Dormitory**

If you decide during your freshman year that you wish to move from a fraternity to a dormitory, the Institute's housing policy guarantees you a space. After freshman year, this can be difficult. Again, check with the Dean's Office (7-133, x3-6777). If you leave a fraternity you must pay the fraternity whatever you owe them before obtaining a dorm room. You should, in return, expect a proportionate refund from a fraternity at some time of the year — but the system varies from house to house.

### **Leaving the Dorm in Midterm**

If you get a room in the dormitory system, you are considered financially responsible for that room unless you leave the Institute. In all other cases, a rent refund is not guaranteed; talk to Jack Keefe at the Dean's Office.

If you withdraw from the Institute you must leave the housing system. During the first 12 weeks of the term, you get a proportionate refund.

### **Returning to a Dorm**

If you want to return to the dorm system after time away from MIT, you should talk to Jack Keefe and **APPLY EARLY**. Chances of getting a spot are much better fall term than spring.

If you retain your MIT student status while absent from the Institute (for example, Domestic Year Away, etc.), you do not generally lose your place in the dorm system, provided that you notify the proper authorities in advance.

## **Student Law**

Most organized living groups and living group associations (e.g. IFC, Dormcon) have judicial committees, and laws which they enforce. These are student organizations enforcing student rules; consequently their power is limited, though they are backed by higher sources of power. Their regulations are printed and usually given to incoming members of the group. These rules are often quite flexible and subject to waiver for special cases.

If you have received a bad judgment, there are usually several ways to appeal, either within the local system, through the Undergraduate Association or Graduate Student Council Ombudsman, the Dean for Student Affairs Office, or the Committee on Discipline. Usually you should use the appeals procedures of the group involved first before trying any higher power.



# Eating

*No matter how thin you slice it, it's still baloney.*

— Alfred Emanuel Smith

## On Campus

Dining halls are located in McCormick, MacGregor, 500 Memorial Drive, and Baker. The first three are à la carte; Baker has set prices for each meal and offers unlimited beverages, bread, cereal, salad, soup, and ice cream. Each semester, all residents of these four dormitories are required to purchase a \$623 meal plan. Others may purchase meal plans if they desire. The meal plan may be used at any dormitory dining hall and at Walker, Pritchett, Café 13, ARA Student Center facilities, and 500 Memorial Drive snack bar.

The meal plan can be increased in \$25 increments if your credit is running low. You may charge up to \$25 over your credit limit before you *must* increment your meal plan.

The Dining Services recently have been trying hard to improve, so don't hesitate to bring comments, complaints, and suggestions to the attention of June Hager at x3-2815.

MIT food is above average for college campuses. (Ask any Harvard student—he'd die for the slop we get.) But that doesn't say much. The food tends to be greasy, bland, and of questionable nutritional value. It is also overpriced; some food is sold at prices three times higher than the prices in the supermarkets.

Exact dining hall hours vary, but general times are 7:30–9:30 a.m. breakfast, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. lunch, and 5:00–7:00 p.m. dinner. For exact hours, see **On Campus Food** under **Restaurants**. During vacations usually only 500 Memorial Drive and Pritchett are open.

## Cooking It Yourself

Many students at MIT prefer to cook for themselves. The advantages include choosing what, where, and when you eat, and eating cheaper, less greasy food. You can easily save 50% over Commons prices, and a thrifty student can cut the cost (and his gain in body weight) by  $\frac{2}{3}$  or more. One disadvantage is that cooking (and subsequent clean-up) require lots of time; another may be your cooking skills (or lack thereof). Many students find that getting together with friends to cook can save a lot of time and money.

Facilities for cooking range from practically nil to complete kitchens. Be sure to check the cooking facilities in any dorm you are considering, even if you're sure you don't want to cook for yourself. Commons has changed quite a few minds in this respect. Used refrigerators are common in the dorms and not that hard to come by. Functioning refrigerators can be purchased for \$30-60. Check the ads in *Tech Talk* and on the walls of the Institute. Quite a few students make do with hotplates and the like in their rooms as their only means of cooking, so don't give up hopes of cooking for yourself because of lack of kitchen space. The Institute does frown on cooking in dorm rooms, though.

## Kosher Kitchen

The Kosher Kitchen is located in the basement of Walker Memorial (50-009). Dinners are cooked on the premises Monday-Friday 5:30-6:30 p.m.. They cost around \$6 each and must be paid for in advance at Hillel (by Validine or cash). For more information call the Hillel Office (x3-2982).

*Wine maketh merry, but money answereth all things.*

—Eccl.10:19

## Summer Residence

Many people prefer not to go home for the months of June, July and August. For such people, the situation is far from hopeless. Most dormitories stay open, although they will probably consolidate summer residents to fill one floor or one entry. Be warned that any (noisy) renovations will occur during the summer. This has been particularly a problem for dorms on the east side of campus in recent years. The rest of the space will be filled at times with alumni here for Alumni Weekend, conventioners, or other visitors. The rent is comparable with the regular rent; all this is explained in a handout which is sent to dormitories in the spring. Some fraternities offer a better deal. Rather than have rooms standing empty, they will take in people for the summer at low rents. Others are just as expensive as the dorms. Summer sublets may be available - check ads and bulletin boards. Make these arrangements early, since cheap sublets and fraternity spaces fill up quickly. **Note:** Until now graduating seniors could stay in on-campus housing for the summer after their graduation. However, there are tentative plans to do away with this provision starting this year.









# Facilities

MIT is in many lines of business; perhaps you have come into contact with its educational subsidiary. In addition to facilities directly related to education, the Institute has machine shops, art studios, graphic services, and all the comforts of a large resort community. Whatever your heart desires, it is probably available right on campus.

Finding exactly what you want, however, is not always easy. You might start with the Information Office (7-121, x3-4795). Or you can take a fantastic voyage through the pages of your MIT phone book.

We list here only a few of MIT's more interesting, easily accessible facilities. Institute museums are found in **Things To Do**.

## Libraries

### The MIT Library System

Five divisional libraries — Barker Engineering, Dewey, Humanities, Rotch, and Science — as well as several branch libraries and special service units make up the MIT Libraries. The system is not as complicated as it sounds because each of the divisional libraries houses major subject collections that correlate generally to MIT's five Schools: Barker, the engineering collection; Dewey, social sciences and management; Humanities; Rotch, architecture and planning; and Science.

To find out which library covers a particular subject or where a certain book is, call or visit the Institute Library Catalogue (ILC) in the Humanities Library (14S-200, x3-5681); the ILC contains a record of all catalogued material in the MIT Libraries. If you want to have a book that is located in one library delivered to another MIT library more convenient for you, telephone x3-5681 to place the request.

The major library units are:

- Aeronautics and Astronautics (33-316, x3-5665)
- Barker Engineering (10-500, x3-5661)
- CLSS (Computerized Literature Search Service) (14S-M48, x3-7746)
- Dewey (Management and Social Science) (E53-100, x3-5676)
- Humanities (14S-200, x3-5681)
- Institute Archives and Special Collections (14N-118, x3-5136)
- Lindgren (Earth Sciences) (54-200, x3-5679)
- Microreproduction Laboratory (14-0551, x3-5668)
- MIT Museum and Historical Collections (N52-260, x3-4444)
- Music (14E-109, x3-5689)
- Reserve Book Room for Humanities and Science (14N-132, x3-5675)
- Resource Sharing Center (N51-230, x3-7040)
- Rotch (Architecture and Urban Studies) (7-238, x3-7052)
- Rotch Visual Collections (7-304, x3-7098)
- Schering-Plough (Health Sciences) (E25-131, x3-6366)
- Science (14S-100, x3-5671)
- Student Center Library (study space only) (W20-500, x3-7050)
- Von Hippel Materials Center Reading Room (13-2137) (for access see CMSE, 13-2098, x3-6841)

## Some general notes on the libraries:

The libraries have a bar code system to identify borrowers. Families of MIT students, faculty, and employees are entitled to full library privileges with an affiliate card, which may be obtained by applying at the Hayden Library circulation desk (Building 14).

Brochures describing the libraries, their hours, and their services are available at each unit.

You may renew no more than three books by phone if they are not overdue; all you need is the call number. To renew more than three books, visit the library in person, or send them a list (preferably in catalog number order) of the books you want renewed.

A three-day grace period is given on overdue books, but after that, the fine includes these first three days. Fines should be paid *when the book is returned*; if not, the library will charge a minimum \$5.00 fine for billing.

You may order a search for a book you don't find on the shelf; ask at the circulation desk.

All libraries have 10¢ copy machines.

If the MIT Libraries do not have something you want, you may be able to get it through the Interlibrary Borrowing Service or the Boston Library Consortium. Members of the Consortium are Boston College, Boston Public Library, Boston University, Brandeis University, Northeastern University, Massachusetts State Library, Tufts University, University of Massachusetts Amherst/Boston/Worcester, and Wellesley College. You may apply for a Consortium card at Humanities Reference (14S-200, x3-5683); the Interlibrary Borrowing Service is also in the Humanities Library (14S-234, x3-5684).

"Reserve" collections of books required for courses are scattered among various libraries. Reserve books may circulate only within the library and overnight. Heavy fines are charged *by the hour* if you return them late. If you need to keep a reserve book out longer, check to see if there is a copy in the regular collections.

*In a free country, it is the duty of writers to pay no attention to duty.*

— E. B. White

## Special Features of the MIT Libraries

Barker Engineering Library has audio-visual instruction on how to use the card catalogue, selected printed indices, super 8 film loops, and videotapes. Barker also has many tapes on Institute courses. The Institute Archives and Special Collections has manuscript and archival collections, MIT theses, and rare books. The Humanities Library has best sellers, leisure reading, college catalogues, telephone books, and general magazines and newspapers. The *Official Airline Guide*, as well as information on airline history, is available at the Aero/Astro Library. The Reserve Book Room has mystery novels in addition to books on reserve for Humanities and Science Department courses. Rotch Library often has interesting art and architecture exhibits, as does Rotch Visual Collections, where slides, films, and videotapes are housed. The Stein Club Map Room in the Science Library contains USGS topographic maps. Other maps, including ones on geology and oceanography, are in Lindgren Library, where there is a seismograph that picks up earth tremors throughout the world. The Student Center Library has a 24-hour computer room



with access to Multics at 4800 baud and other dial-ups at both 300 and 1200 baud. It also has an Athena cluster (see **Project Athena** in this chapter.)

*Classic: a book which people praise and don't read.*

— Mark Twain

## Other Libraries at MIT

There are quite a few departmental and laboratory reading rooms, often containing materials unobtainable elsewhere. Many have thousands of items in specific fields.

The MIT Science Fiction Society Library, a student maintained facility, has the world's largest open-stack SF collection (W20-473, dl9144). Hours are irregular (though usually posted on the door) and browsing is encouraged. You must be a member to borrow books; membership costs only a few dollars per term.

Some dormitories support their own small libraries. Check with the main desk.

Many faculty members have personal libraries from which some students may borrow.

The MIT Outing Club (W20-461, x3-2988) has a small reference library of outdoor guidebooks, instruction books, safety books, expedition histories, outdoor periodicals, and New England and New York USGS topographic maps.

The Religious Counselors' Building (W2A) has Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish collections. The Hillel Library has 2800 volumes of Judaica in several languages.

## Other Libraries Around Boston

Don't limit yourself to MIT Libraries. The Boston area has many excellent libraries that students can and should use.

Harvard University has a tremendous library system, but it is difficult to get stack privileges. A letter from an MIT librarian verifying that the materials you want are unavailable at MIT or any Consortium library should be all you need to be given restricted access to Harvard Library materials. Ask at any MIT library for further information. The easiest way to use another university library is to get a friend there to take out books for you.

Wellesley College Libraries loan books to MIT students. The hours are 8:30 am to midnight on weekdays, 9 to 9 on Saturdays, and 10 am to midnight on Sundays. You can take out as many books as you want and they may stay out for four weeks. Fines are cut in half if you pay when you return books. The Wellesley Library reference desk can be reached from an MIT extension by dialing x187-0320.

Boston University's Mugar Library is on Commonwealth Avenue at the BU Student Union. It has extensive and wide-ranging collections and a pleasant atmosphere. MIT students need a pass to enter; a BU pass is obtainable at any MIT Library for use of materials not available here. These materials may only be used within the Mugar Library.

Boston Public Library at Copley Square (with branches elsewhere) is a large research library. It also has many circulating books (which are often unshelved and generally hard to find) and stereo records (which are normally in rather poor shape unless you get them

when they're new), out-of-town newspapers and periodicals, and loads of reference material. It's open M–R 9–9, FS 9–5, and Sundays 2–6. To get your card, show your MIT ID and fill out an application form. Suburbanites are also eligible for cards.

Cambridge Public Library (449 Broadway, branches and bookmobiles) is large and easy to use (open stacks). It usually has several copies of the current best sellers. Reserve one and wait your turn. If you don't live in Cambridge you must show a BPL or other library card to get a card.

Brookline has a public library (361 Washington St. and branches) whose collection is similar to Cambridge's. Cards are free to Brookline residents; others must pay \$3.00.

All the suburbs and towns around Boston have their own libraries. Collections are normally aimed at the general reader and all have special children's sections. Some have film and lecture programs.

There are several special-topic libraries around Boston; some (such as the Athenaeum) have formidable defenses against entrance by common students. Check with the MIT librarians if you're interested or have special needs.

## Services for Children

MIT does provide a few services for children of members of the MIT community. These services include day care, a pediatric clinic, and athletic facilities.

### Day Care

There are currently three child care programs for pre-school children operating on campus that are available to all members of the MIT community. Family Day Care (licensed home care for groups of usually 2-4 children) is available full- or part-time, on campus or off campus, and for children from infancy to five years. Full Day Care and Half Day Nursery School are available for children 3-5 years old through Technology Children's Center. Information about eligibility requirements, fees, and availability of space can be obtained from the Child Care Office (4-144, x3-1592).

The Child Care Office starts from the premise that child care is for parents too, and can help you to determine what is the most suitable care for you and your child. They can refer you to services off as well as on campus.

### Medical Services

The Medical Department's Pediatric Clinic, staffed by two pediatricians and a pediatric nurse practitioner, is available to the children of the faculty, staff, employees, and students. Visits are on a fee-for-service basis and include well-baby exams. Fees are covered for dependents of employees on the MIT Health Plan.

### Athletic Facilities

Children of those with athletic cards are admitted free to the skating rink and the swimming pool. However, they are allowed to use these facilities only during a limited number of hours. They have no privileges at the DuPont Athletic Center.



The new Athletic Center has an indoor skating rink on the first floor and a fieldhouse on the second floor. For information regarding lessons given in these facilities, call the Athletic Department headquarters (x3-4498).

Swimming lessons for MIT community children are provided by the Athletic Department. They are held on Saturday mornings beginning in late September and continuing through mid-November. To allow individual instruction, classes are limited in size and are restricted to children between the ages of 6 and 14. Again an athletic card and fee are required. For further information on these services, call the Athletic Department headquarters (x3-4498).

During the summer, the Athletic Department sponsors a Day Camp for MIT community children between the ages of 6 and 14. Notices about registration are mailed in January or early February. A staff of trained counselors gives instruction in swimming, tennis, sailing, and a variety of other activities. The Camp continues for eight weeks, and children may be registered for any combination of two-week periods. For further information, call Director Fran O'Brien (x3-5007).

## Other Services

### Audio-Visual

Audio-Visual (4-017, x3-2808) rents out projectors and projectionists, tape recorders, public address equipment, overhead and opaque projectors and other AV equipment. They supposedly keep their prices low, but you may be able to get a better price at your friendly neighborhood camera store.

### Chapel

The MIT Chapel is open daily from 7 am to 11 pm for private meditation. Services of many faiths are held throughout the week; check the Calendar in *Tech Talk* for a listing of all religious activities. The Chapel is available for weddings, christenings, memorials, and other services; scheduling is done through the Campus Activities Office. For more information, see **Religious Groups** in the **Groups** chapter.

### Computer Time

Information Services (IS) owns and operates several IBM 370s and a Honeywell Multics. If you wish to use these machines for research, you must pay for the computer account with an MIT purchase order. Contact the User Accounts Office (3-123, x3-4118) for information on obtaining a new account. You probably shouldn't get an account from IS because there are many other FREE computer resources available at MIT.

The MIT Microcomputer Center (11-209, x3-6325) sells IBM and Apple computers, software and computer supplies to the MIT community at a substantial discount. Prices, availability and package deals vary almost weekly, so be sure to check it out if you consider purchasing one of these machines, even if you stopped by only a short time before. Hours are severely limited so call first. There are many computers on campus and several means of getting time on them. The Student Information Processing Board

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(SIPB, 11-205, x3-7788) manages a budget for computer time for general student use. Check with them for more information.

(See also **Project Athena** in this chapter.)

## Endicott House

This house, located in Dedham, is open to any group associated with MIT but not for private entertainment purposes. It is not cheap. For reservations and more information call the director at 326-5151.

## Faculty Club

Membership in the MIT Faculty Club is open to all faculty and staff and their families. Support staff must undergo a 10 year probationary period to become members. Membership carries reciprocal privileges with the Harvard and Wellesley Faculty Clubs. The Club is located on the sixth floor of the Sloan Building at 50 Memorial Drive (Bldg. E52) and serves luncheon and dinner Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Special club events such as buffet suppers and dinner-dances are regularly scheduled and announced to the membership. For reservations and information, call x3-4896.

## Graphic Arts and Reproduction

The Graphic Arts Service, housed mainly at 211 Mass. Ave. (N42, x3-4765), provides a wide range of services, only a few of which are mentioned here. The Mailing Service offers typing, stencil addressing, and bulk mailing. The Photographic Division can produce portrait, passport, identification, and thesis photographs and handles photostat work. They also have an Illustration Service with typesetting capabilities and an Offset Printing Department. Counters for while-you-wait Xeroxing are at 2-217 (x3-6911), 11-004 (x3-2806), E52-045 (x3-5203), and 1-252 (x3-3883). The quality is very good, but it may be worthwhile to check the prices of commercial outfits for large tasks. (see **Duplicating Services** in the **Shopping** chapter).

There are Xerox copiers in the various libraries and a copier in the Student Center Library, which is available 24 hours a day.

If you're more interested in hectograph (ditto) and mimeograph printing, visit TCA (W20-450), which has a couple of machines and sells stencils and paper. TCA also has silkscreening equipment which can be used for posters and shirts. For more information, call TCA at x3-4885.

*The Tech* (W20-483, x3-1541) has a production shop which it uses to turn out its newspaper. They have typesetting, headlining, and photographic equipment, complete with staff, all of which can be had at a price. *HowToGAMIT* used to be typeset by *The Tech*.

LSC (W20-469, x3-3791) has a typesetter, a headliner, and three offset presses; the larger two presses accommodate paper up to 17½" by 22½" in size. You can hire someone from LSC to operate the press for you; assistance with copy preparation and folding are also available. LSC movie publicity is a product of these presses and the results, which vary, can be quite good. Check with the LSC Publicity Director (x3-3791) if you're interested.

APO (W20-415, x3-3788) has a classic handset platen letterpress, which is slow (but cheap) compared to modern presses. It is operated only under the supervision of qualified APO brothers. Talk to the APO Letterpress Chairman or any qualified operator.



## Hobby Shop

The Hobby Shop (W31-031, x3-4343) is located in the basement of the Armory. George Pishenin is in charge of it, and the hours are MTRF 10-6, W 10-9. It has woodworking equipment and a machine shop for metalworking. Shelves, tables, championship sailboats, speaker enclosures, looms, dulcimers, and harpsichords have all been constructed in the shop. Novices are welcome as they give the more experienced users a chance to teach. Membership costs \$15/term for students and student spouses and \$25/term for everyone else. It is open fall, spring and summer terms.

*The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.*

— Emerson

## Lab Supplies

Lab Supplies sells many things used on projects and in labs. In order to get an item from them, you'll need an account number and a requisition form; they do not sell for cash. Students can open accounts at 4-256 (x3-4959). You may have to open one if you take certain lab courses.

## Language Lab

Lessons in German, Spanish, French, Russian, and a dozen other languages can be heard in the Language Lab (14N-0645, x3-2310). Standard MIT course tapes are available there. Other tapes, including prose, poetry, plays, and musical "ear-training exercises" are available only when the lab is open. Any member of the MIT community can use the lab at no charge.

*A translation is like a mistress — either beautiful and unfaithful, or faithful and ugly.*

— Russian proverb

## Machine Shop

If you need to use a machine shop, your best bet is to check within your department. Most shops have lathes, mills, presses, etc: the Chemistry Department has a glassware shop. Check around for the equipment you need and then ask. Rules vary with the shops, but all of them expect you to furnish your own supplies.

*The most difficult thing in the world is to know how to do a thing and to watch someone else doing it wrong, without comment.*

— T. H. White

## Microreproduction

The Microreproduction Laboratory (14-055, x3-5668) can turn printed materials (such as books, magazines, newspapers, or theses) into microfilm, microfiche, or slides — or turn any of these into full-sized paper copies. You can also have papers bound for you (e.g. reports, theses). Call for prices.

*It is perfectly clear that this is very ambiguous.*

— Ralph Feldberg

## Music Practice Rooms

Practice rooms *per se* are rare. A few are scattered within the living groups. There are several pianos in the Student Center. Check at the Student Center Library desk if you want to use one. A grand piano, which a rank amateur might consider playable, is available at Walker Memorial. Actually, it is beyond repair. The Cheney Room has a Steinway. Most dorms own pianos.

*Note:* Practice rooms tend to lack music stands, so bring your own.

## Observatory

The G. R. Wallace Astrophysical Observatory can be used by students both in classes (12.117J, Observational Techniques of Optical Astronomy) and for individual projects. All scheduling is done through the office of the director, Prof. Elliot, (Course XII, 54-422, x3-6308). The Observatory is 40 miles from Cambridge in Westford. It has a 24" and a 16" scope. The 24" is sometimes difficult to get time on, while the 16" is accessible for projects of any merit.

## Project Athena

Project Athena is an experiment in the use of computer technologies to improve the education of students at MIT. The Project originated as a 30 million dollar gift of computers and support over a five-year period from International Business Machines and Digital Equipment Corporation. Over the past two years, many other smaller companies have made gifts of money and support personnel to Athena.

Project Athena is one of the largest single installations of networked mainframe computers running the UNIX operating system in the world. Over 250 terminals connected to 44 DEC VAX 11-750's and many IBM PC-XT's and PC-AT's running either as terminal emulators or single-user workstations are part of the Athena environment.

Undergraduates can get accounts on Project Athena at any workstation in public clusters located in several places around campus by using the Athena Registration program which runs on each workstation. Call x3-1325 for account questions and problems. After running the user-registration program, your account is created automatically after a one or two day period. Your Athena account is for you to do what you please (within limits, of course!). Be aware that disk space is limited (250K) and that printer services are not always available when you want them, due to the high volume of output generated by students. Also remember that the clusters can get busy, so it may not be possible to find a terminal when you need one. The main thing to remember is to do your work in advance and not wait until the last minute to get that paper written or that lab report done.

Why get an account? Well, many software packages are available to make your work as a student easier. For example, for writing papers, a text editor (EMACS) and a text formatter (SCRIBE) are available; or for doing your lab report, there is RS/1, the Electronic Laboratory Notebook which can number crunch data and create graphs. Also available are five supported programming languages (C, LISP, FORTRAN, PASCAL, and SCHEME) and a number of other software packages. Free essential documentation on many of the software packages is available in the terminal room or from the self-service bins at the Information Services Publications Office (2nd floor of Building 11). User minicourses are held periodically to introduce users to the various software packages.



The user minicourse schedule is posted in the terminal room. Student consultants are also available to answer your questions through the On-Line Consulting System (OLC), by phone (x3-4435), or in the terminal rooms (schedules are posted).

Students in courses which use Athena resources will be able to get accounts elsewhere on campus to do class work. Project Athena is also expected to extend itself away from the public work areas to get right to the place where work is being done. Many laboratory courses are already taking advantage of Athena resources for data-taking, reduction, and analysis. Project Athena has seen many changes in the past year—expect many more in the coming years.

## **Student Art Association**

The Student Art Association is open to anyone in the MIT community, although preference is given to students. SAA has superb facilities for ceramics, drawing, jewelry, painting, silk-screening, Chinese brush painting, calligraphy, etching, and hosts of other arts. It also has an excellent darkroom and general photographic facilities. Classes in ceramics, photography, and drawing are offered during fall, spring, and summer terms and IAP. Fees are charged (\$15-70) for classes (\$5-10 less for use without instruction). The office is on the fourth floor of the Student Center (W20-429, x3-7019); office hours are 1-5 weekdays.

## **Student Center**

The Student Center renovations are scheduled to be completed this fall. Facilities to be located in the Student Center include a Food Court, vendors, TV-room, Games room, 24-hour coffeehouse, as well as an information booth. Several private meeting rooms will also be available on a reservation basis through the Campus Activities Complex (W20-500, 3-7974). Several stores are planned to occupy the new Student Center. However, at time of publication, particular details as to which stores would be included were unavailable. This information **will** be provided in a publication to be released in September through the Campus Activities Complex.

The **Student Center Committee** has worked to make the best use of the Student Center. The SCC is responsible for all student use of the Student Center. They sponsor several Student Center activities, including live band parties, Strat's Rat, and the Midnight Movies, showing free movies at 11 pm on Saturdays.

## **Talbot House**

Talbot House is a Vermont farmhouse available throughout the year to MIT student groups. It is located in Woodstock near several major recreational facilities with skiing, hiking, horseback riding, and golf areas. Scheduling is done not more than one month beforehand by a student committee through the Dean's Office (W20-501, x3-4158).

## MIT Medical Department

The MIT Medical Department, in the Health Services Center (E23), is a multispeciality group practice which employs 23 full-time and 40 part-time physicians as well as other professional support personnel. The Department's medical staff provides primary care in the areas of internal medicine, surgery, and pediatrics. The Department also provides on campus most medical specialties, a pharmacy, a full-time optometry service including contact lens services, and diagnostic testing facilities including a laboratory and an x-ray department. A dental service which offers treatment for students and their spouses is available on a fee-for-service basis.

All visits to the Medical Department are by appointment except in emergencies. The regular hours of the Department are from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday except for holidays. **At all other times, emergency medical care is available through the MIT Off-Hours Service. Telephone 253-1311 day or night for advice.** House calls are not made, but if someone is too ill to come to the Health Services Center without assistance, the Medical Department should be notified and they will recommend suitable help.

Services provided by the Medical Department include:

Allergy 253-4460	Dental 253-1501
Dermatology 253-4295	Diagnostic Testing 253-1777
Ear, Nose, Throat 253-7870	Medical Director 253-4487
Eye 253-4351	Gastroenterology 253-1681
Health Education and Information 253-1316	Off-Hours Service 253-4481
Inpatient Service 253-5486	Internal Medicine 253-4481
Laboratory 253-4239	Medical Records 253-4980
MIT Health Plan 253-1322	Neurology 253-4460
Nutrition 253-4351	Obstetrics/Gynecology 253-1315
Orthopedics 253-2974	Patient Advocate 253-1316
Patient Billing (Employees) 253-4372	Patient Billing (Students) 253-4303
Pediatrics 253-1505	Personal Assistance Program 253-4911
Pharmacy 253-1324	Psychiatry 253-2916
Social Work 253-4911	Student Health Plan 253-4371
Surgery 253-1302	Urology 253-4356
X-Ray 253-4905	

A major goal of the Department is to make high quality medical care accessible to the entire MIT community. Members of the community are encouraged to identify a primary physician for consultation whenever an illness, problem or question arises. If the primary physician is not available and the need is urgent, the patient will be seen by a physician-colleague, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant, with subsequent referral if needed. In this way, patients who call or come to the Department for care are seen by a health professional on the same day.

An 18-bed Inpatient Service is operated by the Medical Department for patients who cannot be cared for at home but for whom hospitalization in a general hospital is inappropriate. Children are not admitted to the Inpatient Service but, if necessary, are referred to a nearby hospital offering pediatric care. Patients requiring major surgery or treatment for serious illness are sent to one of the Boston or Cambridge hospitals where their care is usually supervised by one of the Medical Department physicians or surgeons.



Whether a patient will be billed directly for services rendered at the MIT Health Services Center depends on the health program in which the MIT student, affiliate, or employee is enrolled. The cost of off-campus medical care and hospitalization is extremely high in the Boston area. For this reason, it is extremely important that everyone maintain adequate health insurance.

Brochures describing the Medical Department, the Student Health Program, the Affiliate Health Program, and the MIT Health Plan for employees are available in the MIT Health Plan Office (E23-308). Your questions or suggestions for improvement within the Department are always welcome and can be directed to any staff member or to the Patient Advocates.

*Go not for every grief to the physician, not for every quarrel to the lawyer, nor for every thirst to the pot.*

— George Herbert

## Non-MIT Medical Services

### Dental Clinics

**Boston University Medical Center** (see **General Clinics**, below).

**Forsyth Dental Center** (140 The Fenway, Boston, 262-5200, MBTA: Arborway Green Line, Northeastern Stop). Teeth cleaning \$4 with student ID. Follow up visits are free. This is a teaching clinic where students work on you under faculty supervision. All work is careful and well supervised. All dental services are available.

**Harvard School of Dental Medicine** (188 Longwood Ave., Boston, 732-1423; MBTA: Longwood). Another teaching clinic, this one has very thorough service. You can be examined by either a student or a faculty member, and emergency same-day service is available.

**Tufts-New England Medical Center** (1 Kneeland St., Boston, 956-6828; MBTA: Green Line, Boylston or Orange Line, Essex). Full range of dental services is available. Work is done in faculty-supervised student learning clinics.

### Emergency Clinics

**Bridge Over Troubled Waters** (147 Tremont St., Boston, 423-9575; MBTA: Park St.). Free clinic providing medical, dental and counseling services. A street survival clinic dealing largely with runaways. Can sometimes be found behind Out-of-Town News in Harvard Square.

### Legal and Psychological Clinics

**Cambridge Problem Center** (1 West St., Cambridge, 661-1010). Started by Dr. Joseph Brenner of MIT's psychiatry department. Staff of forty counselors provides free legal aid to people with low incomes and psychological counseling to almost anybody who desires it. Drug counseling is available, but no treatment is provided. Appointments are needed.

## Eye Clinics

**New England College of Optometry Clinic** (472 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 536-4252; MBTA: Kenmore). Optometry students give incredibly thorough eye examinations for \$25 (\$18 with student ID). Exams take about 2 hours. Open 9-2. Contact lens clinic hours are Monday to Thursday 5:30-8:30 and Saturday from 9-2.

**Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary** (243 Charles St., Boston, 523-7900; MBTA: Charles). Handles all aspects of eye, ear, nose and throat problems. Provides diagnosis and treatment. Has an emergency ward.

## General Clinics

**Boston University Medical Center** (75 E. Newton St., Boston, 638-8000). A teaching clinic offering less expensive medical and dental care.

**New England Medical Center** (750 Washington St., Boston, 956-5000). Associated with Tufts University. Comprehensive medical and dental care. Diagnostic and referral services. Appointments within 24 hours for specific problems. Emergency care. Staffed by fourth-year medical students.

## Hospitals

**Cambridge City Hospital** (1493 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 498-1000). Teaching hospital for Harvard Medical School, providing all types of surgical and diagnostic services. Appointment-only outpatient clinic. 24-hour emergency ward. Sponsors ten neighborhood health clinics throughout the community.

**Children's Hospital** (300 Longwood Ave., Boston, 735-6000). Usually patients up to age 21. General medical and surgical inpatient service, and extensive outpatient clinics. Handles everything from dental care to plastic surgery. 24-hour emergency service.

**Kennedy Memorial Hospital for Children** (30 Warren St., Brighton, 254-3800). All services through age 21. Extensive outpatient clinics, rehabilitation hospital for inpatients. 24-hour emergency ward.

**Mass. General Hospital** (55 Fruit St., Boston, 726-2000; MBTA: Charles/MGH). Nearest hospital to MIT. General walk-in clinic Monday-Saturday, most clinics by appointment. Regular hospital facilities. 24-hour emergency care.

**Mount Auburn Hospital** (330 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 492-3500). General services, outpatient clinics, walk-ins accepted. 24-hour emergency care, specialists on call.

**Sancta Maria Hospital** (799 Concord Ave., Cambridge, 868-2200). General medical/surgical hospital. Outpatient clinics. No maternity care. No pediatric care. 24-hour emergency care.

## Medical Insurance

Along with the student health plan, students must purchase MIT insurance for outside hospitalization if not already covered by non-MIT insurance. Insurance packages are also available for spouses and children of MIT students.



If you are trying to decide whether to buy the health and accident policy offered by MIT to supplement your own family's policy, compare the benefits offered by both. The director of the MIT Medical Department, Dr. Melvin Rodman, considers the MIT insurance the *minimum* you should have to cover medical expenses reasonably expected. Questions regarding any facet of medical insurance can be directed to the Student Health Insurance Office of the Medical Department (E23-308, x3-4371).

Faculty, staff, employees, and their families are eligible for the MIT Health Plan, which is a prepaid comprehensive program of medical care. Medical services for the MIT Health Plan are provided by the MIT Medical Department. Outside hospitalization, apart from emergency care, is provided at the Mt. Auburn and Cambridge Hospitals; hospitalization for obstetric and gynecological reasons is provided at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and in pediatrics at Children's Hospital. If you are interested, you should call the MIT Health Plan Office at (E23-308, x3-1322).

Other faculty, staff, and employee benefits should be discussed with the Employee Benefits Office (E19-434, x3-4271).

*I have never taken medicine in my life . . . if I get a cold I treat it with the contempt that it deserves.*

— Dr. Leonard Jackson





# Activities

MIT is a diverse community of nearly 20,000 people — staff, employees, faculty, administrators, and students. No matter how unusual your interest or problem may be, someone around the Institute probably shares it with you.

Groups covered in this chapter include: Academic/Honorary societies; Athletics; Foreign Citizens; Gays/Lesbians; Grease; Physically Disabled; Interest Groups; Music and Drama; Religious Groups; Service Groups; Running an Activity; Women's Resources. Publishing and broadcasting groups can be found in **Media**.

For more information, read the *Freshman Handbook* (available from the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, 7-103), check the front of the *Student Directory*, or go to the Activities Midway, held at the beginning of the fall term and sometimes during the spring term. Representatives from many of these groups and organizations will be there to give you more information regarding their activities. A file of all activities recognized by the Association of Student Activities (ASA) is kept in the Undergraduate Association (UA) office (W20-401, x3-2696) along with a list of the student leaders of these activities.

However, you may find your favorite pastime or cause is not represented. If this is the case, don't bemoan the fact—it's not hard to start an activity given time, a bit of organization, and, most importantly, dedication. Talk to the UA Office Manager (W20-401, x3-2696) and pick up the packet on how to start an activity, and see **Running an Activity** in this chapter. You should also get the *Campus Activity Handbook* from the Campus Activities Office (W20-501, x3-7974).

Almost all student activities welcome graduate students. Undergraduates predominate in most, but not all, activities.

*Pleasure of itself is not a vice.*

— Samuel Johnson

## Academic/Honorary Societies

Most departments have student chapters of national organizations. To contact the organization for your specialty, see your department headquarters.

Active honorary societies include **Tau Beta Pi** for all engineers, **Phi Beta Kappa** for non-engineers, **Pi Tau Sigma** for mechanical engineers, **Phi Lambda Upsilon** for chemists and chemical engineers, **Eta Kappa Nu** for electrical engineers, and **Sigma Pi Sigma** for physicists. Requirements for admission vary. Generally you must be in the top fifth of your class, with a cum above 4.6, and be active in campus life. Admission to honorary societies is by invitation only.

Many departments have academic societies open to all interested students majoring in their discipline. These include **Alpha Chi Sigma** (chemistry and related fields), the **American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics**, **Association of Computing Machinery**, the **EECS Student-Faculty Committee**, the **Society of Physics Students**, the **American Institute of Chemical Engineers**, the **American Nuclear Society**, the **American Society of Mechanical Engineers**, the **Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers**, and the **MIT Undergraduate Economics Association**.

There are also several academic societies open to the entire MIT community. The **National Society of Black Engineers** (1-213) serves as a professional and academic support organization for blacks pursuing engineering and science degrees.

The **Society of Women Engineers** (W20-447) is open to all women and men majoring in engineering or the sciences and serves as a support group to encourage women in engineering. Their programs focus on career guidance, professional and technical development, and high school outreach.

## Athletics

The MIT athletic programs stress participation and enjoyment rather than the specialized honing of selected intercollegiate teams. Nevertheless, participants and coaches tend to be very dedicated, resulting in excellent teams. All members of the MIT community, no matter how physically unfit, are welcome to use the athletic facilities and to receive trained assistance in developing their full potential. The programs offered include intercollegiate and intramural sports, physical education classes, private and group instruction in various sports, and recreational facilities of exceptionally high quality. See **Services for Children** in the **Facilities** chapter for athletic facilities for children.

### Who's Who in Athletics

Athletic Department (W32-109, x3-4498)

Royce Flippin (W32-105, x3-4497), Director of Athletics, is responsible for overseeing MIT's intercollegiate, intramural, and club sports programs. He and his staff will be the people to talk to if you want to form a new team.

Jack Barry (W32-115, x3-4498) is Assistant Director of Athletics and the golf coach.

Jane Betts (W32-137, x3-4920) is the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Director.

Dave Michael (W32-123, x3-7947) is the Supervisor of Intramurals, the ski coach and the WSI/SCUBA instructor.

John "Murph" Murphy (W32-004, x3-2914) is the Equipment Manager. He works at DuPont desk. He can make life rough on teams or individuals who don't return their equipment on time. He can also make life easier if you're nice, so smile.

Paul Grace (W31-120, x3-5272) is the coordinator of Sports Medicine.

### Athletic Facilities

Use of MIT athletic facilities is open to any member of the MIT community who has purchased an athletic sticker. At \$15 for students, \$75 for faculty and staff, and \$125 for alumni, the card is one of the best bargains in the Boston area. Athletic cards entitle the holder and his immediate family (\$30 extra for faculty/staff, \$45 extra for alumni) to virtually unlimited use of all athletic facilities except the sailing pavilion. Card holders may even bring guests (\$1 for students, \$2 for others). Cards may be purchased at DuPont Athletic Center or the Alumni Swimming Pool. All MIT athletic facilities are coordinated



from DuPont (W32-121, x3-4916). Unless reserved for intercollegiate or intramural use, all facilities are open to athletic sticker holders on a regular basis. **Note:** Possession of a small craft card is required for use of the sailing pavilion and crew boathouse facilities. For schedules, contact the individual facilities.

The **Howard Johnson Athletic Center**, which opened in fall 1981, has a hockey rink on the first floor and a field house on the second floor. The field house has a track with tennis and basketball courts in the infield.

**DuPont Athletic Center** has several facilities including squash courts, a workout room, an exercise room (including high and parallel bars, a judo mat, and a horizontal ladder), a fencing room, a wrestling room, a large gymnasium (which is used for everything from registration to final exams to basketball), a 31 firing-point shooting range (rifle and pistol), lockers, showers, sauna facilities, and various smaller rooms. For information on any aspect of the Center call x3-4916 unless you are an instructor wishing to use the gymnasium for finals, in which case you should call the Schedules Office (E19-338, x3-4788). The equipment desk at DuPont sells some small athletic items, often below list price. Other services include skate sharpening, racket restringing, and general equipment work.

**MIT Shooting Range**, located in the basement of the Athletic Center, is one of the finest in the country. Fifteen points are available for pistol, rimfire .22 through .45 ACP, and 16 points for smallbore rifle fire. Equipment is available for a small fee to those who wish to shoot informally, and during the winter many international-style tournaments are held for those interested in formal competition. For details on the various programs, contact the Rangemaster (x3-3296).

The **training room (Sports Medicine)**, for both men and women, is in the DuPont Athletic Center (W32-015, x3-4908). It is available to all members of the MIT community, but a referral from the Medical Department is required. Facilities include a whirlpool bath and exercise bench equipped with elastic bands for extension and flexing exercises. See the trainers if you have muscular aches and pains.

**Squash courts** are in three locations. There are eight courts at the Alumni Pool, six courts at DuPont and two courts at Walker Memorial. The courts at Walker are open to women, but there are no locker or shower facilities for them there; the nearest facilities are at the swimming pool. The reservation number at the swimming pool is x3-4489, DuPont x3-2914. The Walker courts are not scheduled and are rumored to be open all night.

**Tennis courts** are mainly on Briggs Field. They can be reserved (in season) by calling x3-2912, 12-2 pm daily, one day in advance. Near Walker there are four paved courts which may be reserved by going to East Campus desk. Don't call; you have to sign up there. The four indoor tennis courts in the J. B. Carr Center (the tennis bubble) may be reserved by students only, no more than 48 hours in advance, for the hours of 2-6 pm at no charge. At other times, and for non-students at all times, a fee of \$8 or \$9 per court is charged. Call x3-1451 for reservations. For all the courts it is a good idea to make reservations as early as possible because they go fast.

**Rockwell Cage** has a new floor surface which can be set up for volleyball and IM basketball. The Cage hosts the Athletic Midway in the fall.

**Henry G. Steinbrenner Stadium** has an excellent cushioned 400 meter ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile) track which is great for running on if you don't mind going around and around. It can be slippery when cold and wet (even though it's supposed to be all-weather), but you probably won't feel like running then anyway. Field events, football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey are played inside the oval.

**Briggs Field** is that empty lot between Vassar Street and Amherst Alley on the west side of campus. It's the place to go for baseball, softball, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey, and intramurals.

**Alumni Pool** (Building 57, x3-4489) is open at different times of the day for physical education classes and open swimming with family swimming on Fridays and Saturdays. Diving is sometimes allowed at the lifeguard's discretion. The pool has shower and locker facilities. Towels are provided. The hours vary according to the time of year. If you want to swim on a particular day, call the pool and ask at what time free swimming is. You can also pick up a schedule of hours at the pool.

**MIT Sailing Pavilion** is the only facility where an athletic card won't get you in. You have to have a nautical card, which can be bought at the Cashier's Office (10-180) and costs \$10 for students, \$30 for employees, and \$40 for alumni, with an additional \$2 charge for each family member who will use the card. To be an active member you must also have passed the small craft swimming test. For more information call x3-4884.

The sailing pavilion has several boats of various kinds for which different levels of expertise are necessary to sign them out. There are also sailing classes (see below) along with individual instruction. Sailing is very popular at MIT, especially during the spring and summer months. If you've never tried it, try it and find out why.

**Pierce Boathouse** (W8, across from Burton House, x3-6245) is the center for sweep-rowing and sculling. It has an indoor rowing tank and weight rooms. It is possible to take out a single or double scull if you have a small craft card and know how to scull. To get a small craft card, go to the swimming pool and take the test.

The shower facilities in DuPont, at the pool, and in the boathouse come in handy, especially if you don't live nearby and want to freshen up for one reason or another. Lockers are available: \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty/staff, plus a \$3 deposit on a lock.

## Publications

A listing of varsity, junior varsity, and freshman sports; their seasons; and their coaches can be found in the *MIT Registration Material* along with the listing of gym courses. More detailed information can be found in the *Freshman Handbook* and a reprint of its Athletic section which the Athletic Department (W32-109) has available.

The highest student authority in MIT athletics is the **MIT Athletic Association**. The members are its President, Secretary, two members-at-large, the Varsity Club, the Intramural Council, and a representative from each MITAA Club. The MITAA sponsors the NCAA Volunteers for Youth, which is a big brother/big sister program for helping junior high school children with problems at school or home. The MITAA is also responsible for keeping its member organizations in line. Its executive committee reviews and evaluates budgets, scheduling, facilities, student morale, outside publicity, and the Physical Education Program. Let them know how you feel.



The **Intramural Council**, mostly representatives from each eligible organization, meets at least once per month to handle intramural affairs and to elect intramural managers. The Executive Board handles protests and updates the IM handbook.

The **Varsity Club** consists of captains and managers of recognized Institute Teams. It designates recipients of the straight T, an outstanding athletic achievement award. It publicizes and recruits for intercollegiate sports and helps out intercollegiate sports events.

## Varsity Sports

There are 35 varsity sports at MIT. Most sports have a freshman or JV squad. Teams generally practice 4-6 pm or 5-7 pm on weekdays. Some crew teams will have morning practices, notably the lightweight squad. Many teams that compete in the spring go to Florida for a few weeks of winter practice over IAP. Interested in being on a team? Go to the Athletic Midway during R/O week or call up the coach today. You can call x3-4498 to find out the coach's name and number or check the list in your registration material.

The current sports are:

Baseball	Hockey	Squash
Basketball, M&W	Lacrosse	Swimming, W&M
Crew, Heavy and Light, M&W	Pistol	Tennis, W&M
Cross Country, M&W	Rifle	Indoor and Outdoor Track
Fencing, M&W	Sailing, W&M	Volleyball, W & M
Field Hockey, W	Skiing, W & M	Waterpolo
Golf	Soccer, W & M	Wrestling
Gymnastics, W&M	Softball, W	

Spectators are welcome, free of charge, at all MIT sporting events. Sports events for the week are listed in the Institute Calendar in *Tech Talk*. You can also check the sports pages of *The Tech* and the "Sports Today" columns of the Boston newspapers.

## Club Sports

Club sports can bring together undergrads, grads, and faculty in an informal way since they don't have eligibility requirements or other rules found in Varsity sports. Their activities are controlled by their participants and their student leaders. They receive some support from the Athletic Department. For more complete information call the person involved or the Athletic Department (x3-4498), or look at *MIT Athletic Clubs* by the MITAA Executive Committee (available in the Athletic Department, W32-109).

**Aikido** Japanese martial art, General Exercise Room, DuPont Gym.

**Archery** Meets up to three times a week, novice to veterans. They offer instruction and supply all the necessary equipment.

**Badminton** Fridays 8-10 pm, Sundays 10-1 pm, beginners to intermediate, bring own racket and shuttle cocks. In DuPont Gym.

**Bowling** Check with the Athletic Department.

**Cheerleading** Try outs are in late September. Enthusiasm, rhythm, and timing are needed to cheer men's Varsity Basketball and Football teams.

**Cricket Practices** Tuesday, Thursday. Games Saturday and Sunday on Briggs Field, April through September.

**Fencing** (Eric Sollee, MIT Athletic Department) Twice a week anyone can come and fence in the DuPont fencing room. There may be a small membership fee this year to cover wear and tear on the equipment.

**Figure Skating** Need skates and the ability to skate backwards. Saturday and Sunday mornings.

**Football** (Dwight Smith, MIT Athletic Department) Starts practice at the end of August.

**Frisbee** The MIT Frisbee Club promotes and practices the game of Ultimate Frisbee. All members of the MIT community are welcome to join. The club hosts several home games each semester and has a highly competitive intercollegiate team which practices regularly and travels to tournaments on weekends. Practices are held year round, indoors in the winter. For more information, see their bulletin board just off the Infinite Corridor in Building 3.

**Hockey** Women: practices mid-October 3-4 times per week through February. Men: like varsity but grads can play, training (conditioning) begins in October, 1½ hours each afternoon.

**Ice Dance** Open to those able to skate forwards and backwards.

**Parachuting** Skydiving on weekends, weather permitting. Future plans to participate in the National Collegiate Parachuting League Championships. Watch campus media.

**Rifle and Pistol** (Victor Maslov, x3-3960, Pat Melaragno, x3-3296) .22 caliber pistol and open-air rifle and pistol, Tuesday evenings practice and competitions, must pass shooting course first, \$7 dues.

**Rugby** Men: play spring and fall. The inexperienced are invited to learn this increasingly popular game. Must have health insurance. Dues \$15 undergrad, \$20 grad include post-game beer. Practice T–Th 5–7 Briggs Field. Social members (non-players) also welcome. For information contact Mike Murphy, x3-8118. Women: inexperienced but enthusiastic social members also welcome to attend games and post-game parties.

**Scuba** (Dave Michael, x3-7947) Shorediving every weekend, meetings Tuesdays 20E-012 7-8 pm to plan dives, practice alternate Tuesdays Alumni Pool at 8-9 pm, need certification.

**T'ai Chi** Chinese form of calisthenics which has evolved into a very soft, peaceful exercise. Thursdays, W20-407, 4-6 pm.

**Table Tennis** February-May competition.

**Volleyball (Men)** Serious competition, twice weekly practices, membership fees.

**Water Polo (Women)** Begins in March, 4 workouts per week.

**White Water** (Info: Bulletin Board, Infinite Corridor, Bldg. 4) White water kayaking and canoeing, practice alternate Tuesdays, Alumni Pool, \$5.



## Intramurals

A very extensive intramural program is open to students, faculty, instructors and lecturers who meet eligibility requirements. Teams can be organized by just about any group, including labs, clubs, and living groups. For many sports there are different leagues for different levels of athletic prowess. The **IM Council** (W32-123, x3-7947) coordinates all IM competition.

Essential to many IM games is the referee. You, too, can officiate and get paid for your efforts. Officiating courses are offered by the physical education department, but you can ref without taking them. Talk to the manager.

Managers are also needed to keep Intramurals alive and well. Don't assume that there always is going to be someone else to do it. IM notices are posted on a bulletin board next to the equipment desk in DuPont.

The current intramural sports are:

Backgammon	Football (touch)	Swimming
Badminton	Frisbee	Table Tennis
Basketball	Hockey	Tennis
Billiards	Octathon	Track (indoor and outdoor)
Bowling	Rifle	Volleyball
Chess	Sailing	Waterpolo
Cross-Country	Soccer	Weightlifting
Cycling (fall and spring)	Softball	Wrestling
Fencing	Squash	

*"Tech is a place for men to work and not boys to play. Nonetheless . . ."*

— President Francis A. Walker, 1894

## Community Leagues

In many sports there are leagues for people simply interested in playing. Teams are formed by groups from departments, labs or mere coincidence, and everyone in the MIT community is welcome. The two largest such leagues at present are the **Community Hockey League** and the **Summer Softball League**. Impromptu groups for squash, tennis and handball are also very common, especially at the staff and faculty level. Check with your friends to see if a team already exists which you can join. Call x3-4498.

*If you're feeling athletic, then you can:*

*A. lie down until the feeling goes away*

*B. take a cold shower*

*C. watch the Red Sox on TV*

*D. play intramurals*

*but not necessarily in that order.*

— Anonymous

*Love means nothing to a tennis player.*

— Anonymous

## Physical Education

In accordance with its broad-based orientation, the Athletic Department offers an enormous variety of classes in sports and general physical education. Special interest groups and individual teachers widen the spectrum to include almost every form of physical activity, including riflery, folk dancing, and rock climbing.

During the year regular physical education classes meet two hours a week for sessions lasting one quarter (half a term). These classes cover all the varsity sports and often make up a student's first introduction to a sport in which he later participates on an intercollegiate or intramural basis. This statement is especially relevant when applied to such sports as lacrosse, pistol, and squash, which few freshmen have participated in before coming to MIT. Also there are classes in development, swimming (from beginning to instructor levels), and such recreational sports as judo and archery.

Although the programs were originally designed for freshmen who have to meet a physical education requirement, anybody can use them, and they are excellent ways to relax, build up physical fitness, and learn a sport at the same time. Excluding a few very popular classes such as pistol, rifle, sailing, judo, weight-lifting, and partner dancing, they are often under-enrolled and thus especially open to upperclassmen, grads, faculty and staff. There is priority for students with unfilled physical education requirements. Registration is in DuPont from 8:30-11 am on the first day of classes and some time in the middle of the term. Some classes are full by 9 am, others still have spaces at 11. It is possible to register late.

## Other Classes

Hatha Yoga is taught Monday, and sometimes Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, by a special interest sub-group of the MIT Women's League. Call Mrs. Turchinetz (862-2613) if you're interested. The cost is \$25 for ten classes. The course is especially good for joggers.

Maggie Lettvin of **Maggie and the Beautiful Machine** used to lead a very good exercise class stressing self pacing and proper body positioning. Although Maggie has retired from MIT, self-designed fitness classes employing her method take place in DuPont Monday through Friday noon-1 pm and 5-6 pm during the school year and noon-1 pm during the summer. Also, a 1 pm session is tentatively scheduled to meet at the Alumni Swimming Pool during the school year. Sessions are open to the entire MIT community.

## Dance

The MIT Athletic Department offers partner dancing, jazz and ballet as possibilities for fulfilling the physical education requirement. Theoretically you can register for these half-semester classes for non-credit (i.e. for sheer enjoyment); however, they have limited capacity and fill up very fast.

Clubs offer another option. MIT's dance clubs enable interested people to learn, practice, and enjoy their dance skills throughout the year.

The **MIT Ballroom Dance Club** (x5-9171) holds weekly workshops on Sunday afternoons to teach the classic ballroom dances like the waltz, foxtrot, and swing, and more contemporary dances like the hustle. Most activities are geared to beginning dancers, but intermediate and advanced dancers are welcome too. A partner is not necessary, and dress is casual.



**The MIT Dance Workshop** (W16-015, x3-2877) fosters dance participation as both an artistic activity and an academic program, and is the center of modern dance energies at the Institute. Each semester the Workshop displays student work in a performance in Kresge Little Theater; each semester and during IAP the Workshop sponsors notable guest instructors to teach classes in addition to the Beginning, Intermediate, and Improvisation classes taught by Dance Workshop Director Beth Soll.

**The MIT Folk Dance Club** (W20-401, x5-9185) teaches Slavic, Israeli, and other ethnic dance forms. Several times a year it invites famous folk-dance instructors to MIT to lead special club workshops; occasionally it participates in big folk-dance "festivals" involving well-known Boston groups such as Mandala and Hamakor. Dancing sessions are held several evenings each week; instruction is provided at every session.

International dancing — Sundays, 7-11 pm, Sala de Puerto Rico

Balkan dancing — Tuesdays, 7:30-11 pm, Student Center, Room 407

Israeli dancing — Wednesdays, 7-11 pm, Sala de Puerto Rico

**The Tech Squares** (W20-401, x5-9126) offer a crash course in Western square dancing for the first twelve weeks of each semester. Beginners are admitted through the third week; after that, only members (which you become by completing the crash course), beginners who have come before, or visitors who already know how to square dance are admitted. Dancing is held every Tuesday from 8-11 pm. Call for location.

If you are interested in a dance form not offered at MIT, contact the **Joy of Movement Center** (536 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 492-4680). They offer an incredibly wide variety of dance styles, occasionally including exotic forms such as flamenco. Once or twice a year the Center publishes a guide which is distributed in Lobby 7 and in the Student Center.

## Martial Arts

If you are interested in philosophical self-development in the true Oriental tradition or simply in the rudiments of self-defense, the Boston area has plenty to offer you. Numerous schools and "Asian culture institutes" exist; watch the MIT bulletin boards for their advertisements. MIT itself has several martial-arts groups which welcome both novices and experts.

**The MIT Shotokan Karate Club** provides training for physical fitness, self defense, and intercollegiate competition in freesparring and kata. Workouts are held three times a week for both beginners and advanced students. Head instructor is Sensei K. Tabata, Sixth Degree Black Belt.

**The MIT Tae Kwon Do Club** teaches an art of self defense that aims at a noble moral rearmament, a high degree of intellectual achievement, graceful techniques and the beauty of physical form. For more information call Scott Thomson, 926-4913 or Young Soo Ha, 395-2761.

**The Wu Tang Chinese Martial Arts Club** teaches a Northern Chinese martial art. A beginner concentrates study on the basics for approximately the first year. Stress is placed on the development of strength and perfection of technique. The club currently has students studying the longfist and praying mantis styles and weapons. New students are welcome.

There is also the **MIT Aikido Club** for those interested in martial arts.

Both the Cambridge YMCA and YWCA offer classes in the martial arts. The YMCA teaches Shotokan karate three nights a week at a cost of \$25/month for as many months as you want. The YWCA teaches judo and beginning and advanced karate at a cost of \$22/course. As with all "Y" activities, you must be a member to take a class.

Private schools in the martial arts abound. *Caveat emptor*. According to a knowledgeable member of the MIT Shotokan club, many area schools care more about the dollars they receive than the instruction they give. Ask qualified people before committing yourself. The MIT Shotokan club has a sixth degree black belt instructor who comes in once a week; he can give you expert advice.

## Foreign Citizens

The first place for international students to go with questions or problems is the **International Students' Office** (5-122, x3-3795). If they can't help you, they should be able to refer you to someone who can. Foreign staff members should consult with the **Information Center** (7-121, x3-2851).

For **adjustment problems**, the social workers, Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Rodriguez, and the clinical sociologist, Dr. Schwartz, are very helpful to newcomers and their families having difficulty adjusting to the cultural milieu of the United States. An open house takes place during the week before registration to acquaint newcomers and families with available resources at MIT and in the Boston area. It is jointly sponsored by the Medical Department and the International Students' Office and hosted by Dr. Charolette Schwartz, Clinical Sociologist.

Aliens in the United States must file an **Alien Address Report Card** with the Immigration Service each January. These cards may be picked up from the International Students' Office, a post office, or the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

**America and Americans:** North America contains the largest area of uniform culture in the world. Many Americans have never met someone from another culture and are likely to be ignorant of yours. There will be about as many things in your culture that will disturb Americans as there are aspects of American culture that bother you. Don't hesitate to ask questions; for the most part you will get friendly answers. It won't hurt to try to explain your culture as well.

Americans have an informal, active way of life, and to many people they may appear to be very abrupt. Formal introductions are not usually needed; if you want to be friends with the person next door, introduce yourself. Dress is very flexible. Rarely if ever is formal attire required; it can always be rented if need be. If you have any doubts, ask. Conversations and telephone calls usually come right to the point. There are very few formalities observed.

Americans for the most part don't line up neatly. They tend to bunch up. However, everyone seems to know who's first and crowding is definitely frowned upon.

Sales people and officials are not, nor do they consider themselves, inferiors or servants of the public, and they act accordingly. With a pleasant smile and a gracious attitude on your part you will find them most anxious to help.

**Driver's Licenses:** Drivers from a number of countries may drive for one year in the US on their home licenses. The end of the year is designated as the earlier of (1) the end of



the academic year or (2) one calendar year from the date of entry into the US. For more details, consult the International Students' Office, Campus Police, or the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

**Employment:** Before taking a job, talk with someone at the International Students' Office since permission to be employed is not automatically granted under the terms of F and J visas. Wives on F visas may *not* accept paid employment. Some students holding J-1 visas and their wives (J-2) are permitted employment only if they need to work for self-support. Recently restrictions on foreign citizens taking jobs in America have been greatly stiffened, and jobs are very hard to find.

**English for Foreign Citizens:** The MIT Women's League (10-342, x3-3656) gives English classes for student or faculty wives. Visit the Language Lab (14N-0645, x3-2310) and the International Students' Office, where you can be referred to other opportunities to improve your English.

**Host Families:** Five hundred families in the area host MIT foreign students each year. We hope you and your host family will enjoy seeing each other. However, if you do not want to see your host family on a particular occasion, refuse their invitation politely. First-year students can change their host families if desired. If you want a host family or want to become one, the staff at the Women's League will explain the procedure involved.

**Income Tax:** For information call the Alien Tax Information Office (223-3446).

**Insurance:** In the MIT Student Health Program, outside hospitalization insurance is compulsory for foreign students. Campus Police can also help you with auto insurance, etc. If you have questions concerning MIT medical insurance, check with Student Health Insurance (E23-308, x3-4371).

**Passports and Visas:** Check the pamphlet *Passports and Visa Information Sheet*, which you should have received upon arrival here. If you no longer have your copy, get another from the International Students' Office. There is no need to renew visas when they expire if you do not leave the country, but I-94's always have to be valid. Check with the Office for renewal procedures.

**Personnel Directory:** In addition to the *Institute Directory* and the *Student Directory* (both have a departmental directory), there is a *Foreign Students' Directory* available from the International Students' Office.

**Political Action:** You are free to participate in any sort of political action as long as it does not violate the laws of the United States. Immigration officials think twice about renewing the visa of someone arrested for political activity, whether or not he was later convicted; consequently, activities near and beyond the limits of the law should not be undertaken lightly. All political views are legal, but there are limits to what can be done in pursuit of a cause. You should realize that most Americans do not wish to get involved in foreign politics.

**UROP for International Students:** There are offerings in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) of particular interest to international students. Check with the UROP Office (20B-141, x3-5049) and the UROP Directory.

**National and Cultural Groups:** (For a more up-to-date listing of contact/chairpersons, check this year's *Student Directory*.)

**African Students Association** works to effect better communication between the African students at MIT and the MIT community by sponsoring activities that will bring African culture to the MIT community.

**Association of Mexicans at MIT** (6-222B)

**Association of Puerto Rican Students** (50-209)

**Australasian Club** (10-105)

**Brazilian Students' Association** (W20-401)

**Canadian Club** (E40-202) disseminates information regarding events of interest to those concerned with Canada and provides a social base for Canadians on campus.

**Chinese Students Club** (W20-439) promotes friendship and international understanding through intellectual, cultural, and social activities.

**Club Latino** (W20-401) provides a ground for social and cultural relaxation among Latin-American members of the MIT community and provides information about Latin-American-MIT cultural exchange.

**Egyptian Association at MIT** (W20-401)

**European Club** (W20-401) is an informal group of students from around the world who organize activities ranging from ski trips to potluck dinners and museum tours.

**Filipino Student Association** (36-297) promotes understanding and appreciation of the Filipinos. They hold a traditional "barrio fiesta" every IAP, and weekly classes in arnis, their martial arts. Open to any interested member of the MIT community.

**French Speaking Students** (NE43-426)

**Friends of the Iranian Culture** (31-261E)

**Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars** (E52-442).

**Hellenic Students Association of MIT-Harvard** (W20-401) promotes fellowship and provides for the welcoming and counseling of Greek students and provides a formal means of communication with other MIT foreign students and other Greek organizations in the greater Boston area.

**India Forum** (3-163M)

**International Students Association** (5-106) enhances interaction among international students and between them and the MIT community. They have sponsored a newspaper, parties, seminars, films, and an Open House.

**Israeli Club** (NE43-526) promotes communication between Israeli students at MIT and introduces MIT to the State of Israel.

**Italian Club** (E52-458) "Circolo Macchiaivelli"

**Japanese Association of MIT** (NW17-201).

**Korean Students' Association** (W20-401) furthers the friendship and understanding of the Korean culture and people.

**Lebanese Club** (W20-401) promotes the interests of Lebanese students at MIT and acquaints MIT with Lebanese culture and politics.



**Malaysian Association** serves as a liaison between its members and other student bodies and with the Government of Malaysia, and organizes social and cultural activities for the members.

**LUCHA** (50-301) works to improve the welfare of Hispanic students at MIT and the Hispanic community and encourages an increase in the number of Hispanics entering the fields of engineering and science.

**MIT Korean Graduate Students Association**

**MIT Nigerian Students Association** (3-365) provides a common ground where Nigerian students at MIT can communicate, interact, and promote mutual interests.

**MIT Turkish Students Association** (35-323).

**Pakistani Students Society of MIT** (W20-401).

**Republic of China Students Organization** promotes better social understanding and cultural interactions between its members and the general MIT community.

**Russians at MIT** (13-1541).

**Sangam** (W20-401) provides a platform of cultural interaction among the Indians of vastly different cultural backgrounds and the MIT community. They sponsor a radio program of popular Indian music and sports and social events.

**South Asia Cultural Association** (35-001).

**South Asia Forum** (22E Tang).

**Udayan — Bangladesh Students Association** tries to interact with the surrounding community and further the progress of Bangladesh.

**Vietnamese Students' Association** (W20-401) encourages interaction between Vietnamese students and MIT community and organizes social activities.

## Gays/Lesbians

The Institute is generally supportive of lesbians and gays, and as of 1981, has a non-discrimination clause on sexual orientation written into the by-laws. In addition, Boston is one of the nation's major gay cities. Women and men who are settled and comfortable with their sexuality along with people who are just starting to explore it can find appropriate resources here. The following is a partial list of resources available at MIT and in Cambridge and Boston.

**Gays at MIT (GAMIT)** (Walker Memorial, 50-306, x3-5440) is MIT's gay group, open to the entire MIT community. They sponsor social and education programs for their members and the community in addition to keeping an eye on conditions and events around the Institute. The Contact Line (x3-5440) offers information, referrals, and informal counseling. GAMIT's bulletin board (in Building 3 along the Infinite Corridor) carries their schedule as well as other items of general interest. The regular events held in the lounge (50-306) are the Thursday night Study Breaks at 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday night Discussion Meetings at 5:00 p.m.; they are open to everyone. There are also business meetings, and there are usually people eating lunch in the lounge starting around 12:30 p.m. on weekdays. GAMIT also holds monthly New Persons' Meetings specifically designed to reach out to people who are just starting to deal with their sexuality or have never been to GAMIT before.

There are also other groups around town. The best way to find out about them, besides calling GAMIT, is through *Gay Community News* (426-4469), a national paper published in Boston and sold at most area newsstands. Every other week it contains a "Quick Gay Guide," which lists over one hundred groups in the Boston area alone, including women's, religious, political, recreational, and medical groups. (For a partial listing of bars, see the **Things to Do** section.)

Counseling is available from a variety of sources. GAMIT's Contact Line provides confidential, trained peer counseling geared toward gay-related issues. Of course, all MIT counseling services are open: **Nightline** (x3-7840), the **Dean's Office**, and the **Psychiatric Department** (E23-376, x3-2916). Services outside of MIT include the **Lesbian and Gay Hotline** (426-9371) and Boston **Parents FLAG** (Friends of Lesbians and Gays 646-5148). (Remember that the doctors in the Medical Department and the Psychiatric Department are only human, and some of them may be uptight about homosexuality. Before you see anyone concerning a homosexual-related problem, you may want to talk to someone who has already seen that person. If you don't know anyone, call the Contact Line.)

If you want to go off-campus for counseling, **Boston's Gay and Lesbian Counseling Service** (GLCS, 542-5188) runs a highly recommended counseling service. They take MIT insurance. There is a fee, but it's mostly pay-what-you-can, and insurance will pay for their services under some conditions. The **Cambridge Women's Center** (354-8807) holds open rap sessions for gay women. The **Daughters of the Bilitis** (1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138, 661-3633) is the oldest lesbian organization in the country. It serves as a social group as well as providing some counseling and legal action. **Wellesley Lesbians and Friends** can be reached by calling Wellesley information or the Women's Center. If anyone is interested in helping out with **Lesbians at MIT (LAMIT)** please call x3-5440 and ask for the LAMIT contact person or leave a message.

## Grease

The standing committees of the Undergraduate Association are the Association of Student Activities, Finance Board, Nominations Committee, Student Center Committee, Social Council, Student Committee on Educational Policy, and SIPB (see the section on **Service Groups**) — each of which serves a different function related to student life at MIT. The legislative arm of the UA is the UA Council. In this section each committee is described along with the Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Conference, and the Graduate Student Council. For more information on any of these groups, go to the UA office (W20-401, x3-2696) or to the group's office.

**Undergraduate Association** (W20-401, x3-2696) is the collective voice of the undergraduates to the ODSA, the rest of the MIT administration, and various Student-Faculty Committees around the Institute. The UA President and Vice President are elected each spring to one year terms.

The Undergraduate Association Council consists of representatives from each living group and coordinates the standing committees of the UA.

**Association of Student Activities** (W20-401, x3-2696) is responsible for promoting and recognizing student activities, allocating office space, mediating disputes between the committees, and running the Activities Midway. They are the people to see to find out



how to form an activity or group, and they also maintain an up-to-date file of recognized activities.

**Finance Board** (W20-401) allocates funds to student activities, audits the finances of student activities, and gives financial advice to student groups.

**Nominations Committee** (W20-401) selects student representatives for most of the Institute Student-Faculty Committees. You can apply to be on committees working with anything from educational policy to administrative proposals by showing up at NomComm hearings.

**Social Council** (W20-401) administers the UA social budget and supports campus social events.

**Student Center Committee (SCC)** (W20-347, x3-3916) runs the 24-hour Coffeehouse, weekly meetings, **Strat's Rat**, the games room, and live band parties. (See *Facilities* section.)

**Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP)** (W20-401) attempts to handle educational complaints, conducts surveys on educational questions, and studies the admissions process (among other things).

**MIT Dormitory Council (DormCon)** (W20-413) seeks to optimize the housing situation through cooperation of separate house governments. It also sponsors social events and deals with issues concerning interhouse relations.

**Interfraternity Conference (IFC)** (W20-413, x3-2170) is responsible for coordinating fraternity activities and services.

**Graduate Student Council** (50-222, x3-2195) serves as a forum for issues of concern to graduate students, coordinates graduate student activities, and has funds available to support social events or activities sponsored by members of the graduate student population.

## Physically Disabled

A map showing ramps, walkways, and other special features for handicapped people (and people transporting heavy loads) is available at the Information Office (7-121, x3-4795) and is visible on the wall near building 3 in the Infinite Corridor. Also check with APO (W20-415, x3-3788) for information on Boston and Cambridge.

The Student Center Library has a Kurtzweiler machine, a Visatech machine, and "Big-eye" lamps.

A new guide to MIT for the handicapped is also available from the Information Office.

The commencement committee will make special arrangements for handicapped guests at commencement. The Safety Office (x3-4736) can help with various sorts of problems encountered by handicapped (or non-handicapped) students.

## Interest Groups

There are interest groups on campus for every possible interest, from breeding fish to jumping out of planes. Clubs can be reached through the Association of Student Activities (W20-401, x3-2696). Chairpersons are listed in the phone directory. An excellent way to learn about student groups is the Activities Midway held in early fall. For more up-to-date listings, check this year's *Student Directory*.

**Arms Control Study Group** (W20-401) provides a forum for the discussion and study of arms control issues. The group seeks to address all sides of the debate.

**Assassins' Guild** (W20-401) is a group interested in real-time, real-space roleplaying games. They often sponsor campus-wide Assassin games emphasizing intrigue and espionage rather than death and destruction. Contact Paulette Struckman or Steve Strassman (x5-6280) for more information.

**Bhakti Yoga Society** (W20-401)

**Biomedical Engineering Society** (20A-129) aims to improve the development of better health care and engineering in all aspects of the medical field. They sponsor monthly activities and serve as a forum for the discussion of topics of biomedical interest. All students are welcome. Contact Scott Greenwald at x5-9593 or x3-7423 for more information.

**Bridge Club** (WE43-416) holds weekly open pairs duplicate tournaments on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Club championships are held four times a year.

**Chess Club** (W20-401) consists of players at a wide variety of levels. They hold weekly meetings on Saturday afternoons in the fourth floor of the Student Center. Members participate in national, local, and intramural competitions.

**MIT College Bowl** (W20-401) participates in annual intercollegiate tournament.

**Committee on the Mid-East** (20D-219)

**Committee to Assist Non-Registrants** (W20-401)

**Debate Society** (50-304) participates in intercollegiate speaking events, such as extemp, interp, and debate. No experience is necessary.

**Electronics Research Society** (20B-119) is a student-run electronics lab with assorted microcomputers, computers, and oscilloscopes for use by students.

**MIT Environmental Action Group** (W20-401)

**Go Club** (NE43-737) meets twice weekly, Monday and Thursday. Boards, stones, and instruction for novices are provided. Both strong and weak players are encouraged to go play.

**Guild of Bell Ringers** (W20-401) rings bells at the historic Old North Church and practices change ringing on handbells.

**MIT Hunger Action Group** (W20-401) raises money for projects in lesser developed countries, collects food for local hunger organizations, helps out in Boston soup kitchens several times a semester, and organizes MIT community participation in the annual "Walk for Hunger."

**International Relations Club** (50-304) is a group where students interested in international affairs study how countries interact in political, economic, social, and military terms. They sponsor teams to collegiate Model United Nations conferences and host local Crisis Simulations. Contact through the UA Office (W20-401).

**Juggling Club** (W20-401) holds juggling sessions (beginners welcome) on Sunday afternoons in front of the Student Center. They have a bulletin board on the first floor of Building 4 in the Infinite Corridor.



**National Society of Pershing Rifles** (20E-126, x3-4471) conducts field training exercises in various modes of combat. They have strong associations with the United States Armed Forces, but U.S. citizenship is not required. The company is one of a select few of non-government groups that is designated Airborne.

**Objectivist Study Group (OSG)** (W20-443, x3-2358, d1-9181) discusses topics in objectivism, philosophy, art, literature, and other subjects. Meetings are every two weeks.

**Outing Club** (W20-461, x3-2988) participates in a wide variety of outdoor activities and rents equipment to members. Experience is not a prerequisite. See the chapter on **Things to Do**.

**Political Science Committee on Central America** (E17-434)

**MIT Pro-Life Community** (W20-40)

**Radio Society (WIMX)** (50-358, x3-3776) is a group of people interested in amateur radio. Their activities include repeaters and contests, DX and rag-chewing, and electronic construction. They operate in bands from 1.8 MHz to 1296 MHz.

**Rapid Transit Association** (W20-401) is for those interested in electric rail transit. Activities include touring Boston transit facilities inaccessible to the general public, visiting other cities' systems, and sponsoring guest lectures.

**Rocket Society** (50-320, 5-6744) is devoted to model and amateur rocketry. They hold two sanctioned model rocket contests and participate in regional, national, and world competitions.

**Science Fiction Society (MITSFS)** (W20-473, d1-9144) has the largest open library of science fiction and fantasy in the world, with over 45,000 books and magazines. Anyone is welcome to come in and read, and members may borrow from the 20,000 circulating items. Meetings are held every Friday at 5:00 p.m. in W20-473.

**Skydiving Club** (W20-401) provides its members with the education and means to participate in the sport of parachuting. Inexperienced members are welcomed. Meetings are publicized in the MIT media.

**Soaring Association** (x3-3274) operates throughout the year and has use of four sailplanes. Activities include flight operations, ground school training, and social events.

**Social Action Comm/Black Rose** (E25-618)

**Society for Creative Anachronism** (W20-401) does research in and recreates the life, arts, and costumes of the Middle Ages. They hold tournaments, feasts, and other events throughout the term.

**Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers** (SNAME 5-228, x3-4330) is a student professional organization which fosters communication and cooperation between MIT students and the marine industry. They sponsor field trips, student paper competitions, seminars by industry professionals, and a number of social events to offer students the opportunity to develop personal contacts among marine industry professionals.

**Society of Wine Connoisseurs** (W20-401)

**Spelunkers Club** (W20-401) explores obscure places around MIT and also real caves.

**Strategic Games Society** (50-316) meets every Saturday in Walker from 1 pm on. They play Dungeons and Dragons, Monopoly, bridge, and other games.

**Student Art Association** (W20-429, x3-7019) provides art classes and studios for ceramics, photography, painting, stained glass, drawing, calligraphy, and more. Beginners and more experienced artists are welcome. Registration for courses is held two weeks before the semester begins. For more information, call from 9–5 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Student Pugwash** (E40-202) explores the social impact of science and technology. They encourage students to participate in the socially responsible management of technology, both in universities and in the rest of society, through a variety of projects and activities in which students from all disciplines work with eminent faculty and other leaders.

**Students for Individual Freedom** (W20-401) is a political group advocating the advancement of individual freedom. The group maintains that free-market capitalism leads to freer and wealthier societies.

**Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS)** (W20-445) is an organization working towards educating the community about the benefits of a strong space program.

**Tech Model Aircrafters** (50-318) has a workshop containing most of the accessories necessary for building a model aircraft. Members pay nominal dues for the use of the workshop.

**Tech Model Railroad Club** (20E-214, x3-3269) participates in a variety of activities from scenery construction and track laying to switch design. Previous experience not necessary.

**Tech Sports Car Club** (31-169, x3-3146) gives MIT students the chance to get involved with motorsports, sports cars, and related automotive activities. Their activities include regular driving events and plans to buy their own race car. Previous experience is not necessary.

**MIT Survival Club** (W20-401)

**Tiddlywinks Association** (W20-401) has a world championship team. Members compete at a variety of levels. Previous experience is not necessary.

**UHF Repeater Association** (W20-401) is a group of amateur radio operators whose activities include experimentation, service projects, and informal gatherings. They currently operate one repeater (444.2 MHz in/449.2 MHz out) and will soon activate a second one dedicated to digital radio experimentation.

**Unicycle Club** (W20-401) meets Sundays from 1-3 pm in front of the Student Center. The first hour is usually a teaching session. They have a bulletin board in on the first floor of building 4 in the Infinite Corridor.

**MIT Yoga Club** (W20-401)

*Man is the only animal who twiddles his thumbs.*

— Lon Rayburn



## Music and Drama

Most performing organizations on campus are open to the entire MIT community. Musical groups can generally be reached through John Buttrick in the Music Office (14N-238, x3-4892). Drama groups are coordinated by Bob Scanlon (W16-018, x3-2908). Watch *Tech Talk* for schedules of auditions and performances.

For more information on music and drama groups, see the chapter on **Things to Do**.

Chamber Music	Chinese Intercollegiate	Brass Ensemble
Choral Society	Choral Society	Concert Band
Community Players	Chorallaries	Festival Jazz Band
Concert Jazz Band	Dramashop	Project for Student
Gospel Choir	Logarhythms	Summer Theater
Musical Theatre Guild	Marching Band	Symphony Orchestra
	Shakespeare Ensemble	

## Religious Groups

### Bahá'í

The **MIT Bahá'í Association** (W20-401) promotes the principles of the Bahá'í Faith through regular informal discussions, seminars, and lectures on social and moral issues.

### Eastern Orthodox

Local churches include:

**Greek Orthodox Church of St. Constantine and Helen** (14 Magazine St., Central Sq., Cambridge, 876-3601)

**Russian Orthodox Cathedral** (165 Park Dr., Boston, 262-9490)

**Saint Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church** (8 Inman St., Cambridge, 547-1234)

### Jewish

The **MIT Hillel** (W2a, x3-2982) sponsors social, religious, social action, and cultural activities ranging from the Annual Israel Folk Dance Festival to Jewish Introductions, a student dating service. Reform/Conservative services are held Friday nights at 5:30 p.m. in the Hillel basement, 312 Memorial Drive. Orthodox services are held in Walker Hall (50-010). Check Hillel's monthly calendar, the Hillel office, and the bulletin board off the main corridor in Building 4 for more information. Kosher meals are available from the **Kosher Kitchen** (50-007, 3-2982). Dinner is served Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at 6:45 p.m. The publication *Genesis 2*, describing all Jewish activities in the area, is available at the Hillel office.

**BU Hillel** (233 Bay State Rd., Boston, 266-3880), **Harvard Hillel** (74 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 495-4696), **Northeastern Hillel** (1360 Huntington Ave., Boston, 437-2628), and **Simmons Hillel** (300 The Fenway, Boston) all offer religious services and activities of interest.

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Local synagogues include:

**Cambridge Shul** (8 Tremont St., Cambridge) Conservative.

**Congregation Beth Pinchas** (1710 Beacon St., Brookline, 566-9182) Home of the Hasidic Bostoner Robbi.

**Congregation Kehillath Israel** (384 Harvard St., Brookline, 277-9155) Conservative.

**Havurat Shalom Community** (113 College Ave., Somerville) A communal group with innovative conservative services and classes.

**Temple Israel** (260 Riverway, Boston, 566-3960) Reform.

**Temple Ohabei Shalom** (1187 Beacon St., Brookline, 277-6610) Reform.

**Vilna Shul** (16 Philips St., Boston) Orthodox.

**Young Israel of Brookline** (62 Green St., Brookline, 734-0276) Orthodox.

## Islam

The MIT Islamic Society holds daily prayers in Ashdown House (basement) 5 times a day. Call 225-9703 for congregation schedule. Friday prayer, Ashdown House, 1-2 pm, Khutba starts at 1:15 pm, congregation at 1:45 pm. Koranic classes are held in Arabic Friday at 7 pm and in English Saturday at 1 pm.

## Pagan

**MIT Pagan Student's Group** (W20-401) Practices are derived primarily from European and Mediterranean Pagan traditions, though influences from other cultures are incorporated as well.

Meetings for rituals are on new and full moons and on the eight solar festivals. Contact: Shawn, 776-8455.

## Protestant

There are several active Christian groups on campus, and someone is running a service just about every day. Check *Tech Talk* and the bulletin board in Building 2. For more information see the Protestant chaplains: the Lutheran chaplain, the Rev. Susan Thomas (W2A, x3-2325 or 876-3256) or the Episcopal chaplain, the Rev. Scott Paradise (W2A, x3-2983). The Protestant staff also includes Anne C. Harkless, a Counselor of Christian Science (W2A, x3-2327 or 964-0059).

Some of the following on-campus Christian groups share an office in the Student Center (W20-441, dl9142); others can be reached through the religious counselors' offices in W2A.

**MIT Baptist Student Fellowship** (W2A)

**Campus Crusade for Christ** (W20-441) stresses one-on-one discipleship, Bible Study, training in evangelism, and a weekly fellowship and teaching meeting. Crusade is a group of students dedicated to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of His Great Commission.



**MIT Chinese Christian Fellowship (W20-401)** meets for weekly Bible Study and participates in intramural sports. Affiliated with the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church.

**Chinese Christian Bible Study Group (x3-5458)**

**Christian Science Organization (W2A)**

**MIT Latter Day Saints Student Association (W20-401)** provides opportunities for students to meet others on campus and at other campuses. Services are held on Sundays at 3 pm at the LDS Chapel. Institute classes are usually held Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9 am in the Student Center. For more information about the services call 547-6188.

**Lutheran-Episcopal Student Group (W2A)** explores the meaning of Christian faith in a technological society. They gather for worship on Wednesday afternoons at 5:10 pm in the Chapel with a supper following in the basement of W2A.

**Navigators (302A Ashdown)** emphasizes international missions, one-on-one discipleship, the need for a Biblical world view, and the centrality of Christ in history and individual living.

**MIT Seekers (W20-441)** join in Bible study and fellowship starting at 4:44 pm on Sundays at Park St. Church in Boston. This group holds on-campus meetings and activities as well.

**United Christian Fellowship (W20-441)**, the MIT chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, organizes small groups in several dorms and frats for Bible study, fellowship, and friendship evangelism. Discipleship and prayer gatherings complement large group activities including Friday night meetings, mission conferences, and weekend training retreats.

**Graduate Christian Fellowship (NE43-334)**

Protestant Churches in the MIT area include:

**Beacon Hill Friends House (6 Chestnut St., Boston, 227-9118)** Quaker.

**Bethel Revival Center (Harcourt St., Boston)** Full gospel church from the holiness tradition.

**Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (249 Harrison Ave., 426-5711)** Separate services and Sunday School in English and Cantonese. Fellowship on Friday nights. Popular with college students. Bible study group on campus.

**Cambridge Christian Center (99 Prospect St., Cambridge, 491-4034)** Charismatic church with fairly traditional Protestant services and a network of Bible study and prayer groups. Worship Sunday at 3 pm.

**Cambridge Church of the Nazarene (234 Franklin St., Cambridge, 354-5065)** Plain Bible teaching in a multi-ethnic setting.

**Cambridge Friends House (5 Longfellow Pk., Cambridge, 876-6883)** Quaker.

**Chinese Bible Church (29 Montvale Ave., Woburn)** Service in Mandarin with line-by-line translation in English. Cantonese translation with headphones.

**Christ Church (Zero Garden St., Cambridge, 876-0200)** Episcopal church, popular with MIT students.

**Church of the Advent** (30 Brimmer St., Boston, 523-2177) Episcopal church in the Anglo-Catholic High Church tradition, attracts a number of MIT staff and students. Known for excellent musical and liturgical tradition. Sunday masses at 8, 9, and 11.

**Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church** (1555 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 354-0837)

**Inman United Presbyterian** (Inman Sq., Cambridge) Emphasizes Biblical Christian Community, with charismatic leanings.

**Jehovah's Witnesses** (9 Beech St., Cambridge, 497-1237)

**King's Chapel** (58 Tremont St., Boston, 523-1749) Unitarian. Home of a Korean Christian community.

**Latter Day Saint Church** (4 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, 868-0630)

**The Mother Church** (105 Falmouth St., Boston, 262-2300) Christian Scientist.

**Old South Church** (645 Boylston St., Boston, 536-1970) Congregational.

**Park Street Church** (1 Park St., Boston, 523-3383) Large Congregational church with special student fellowship.

**Ruggles Street Baptist Church** (874 Beacon St., Boston, 266-3633) Bible teaching with close "family groups," including ministry and fellowship groups.

**St. Paul AME** (37 Austin St., Cambridge, near MIT) Traditional black preaching and singing. Very popular with MIT students.

**University Lutheran** (66 Winthrop, Harvard Sq.) Modern Lutheran. Closely involved with many local campus ministries.

**Western Ave. Baptist** (299 Western Ave., Cambridge, 661-0433) Baptist church with roots in the black community.

## Roman Catholic

Roman Catholic masses are celebrated in the MIT Chapel every Sunday at 9:00 am (guitar), 12 noon (organ), and 5:00 pm (guitar). Mass is also celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm and Fridays at noon. For information contact the full-time Chaplain, Fr. Bernard Campbel (W2A, 312 Memorial Dr., 3rd floor, x3-2981). The **Tech Catholic Community** (same address) offers Bible study, discussion groups and classes, prayer groups, and social events in addition to worship.

Local Roman Catholic churches include:

**Blessed Sacrament Church** (189 Pearl St., Central Sq., Cambridge, 547-1669) Closest to campus, staffed by a mixture of diocesan and Jesuit priests.

**BU Newman House** (211 Bay State Rd., Boston, 266-1683) If you live in a Boston frat and can't hack the bridge in the winter, BU's Catholic community has Masses in Marsh Chapel.

**Paulist Center Community** (5 Park St., Boston, 742-4460) Liberal Catholic parish-without-boundaries just steps from the Park St. subway station. Great book/gift shop. Lots of social justice activity. The MIT Tech Catholic Community is connected with this.

**Sacred Heart Church** (49 Sixth St., Cambridge, 547-0399)



**Saint Aidan's Church** (158 Pleasant St., Brookline, 277-0699)

**Saint Ann's Student Parish** (70 St. Stephen St., Boston, 266-2635) Located by Symphony Hall, serves students at Northeastern, Berklee, and all tiny schools across the river. Good place to meet people from other schools.

**Saint Anthony Shrine** (100 Arch St., Boston, 542-6440) and **Saint Francis Prudential Chapel** (Prudential Center, Boston, 542-6448) Both run by Franciscans. Masses tend to be very short. Sacrament of Reconciliation available 9-6 daily.

**Saint Paul's Church** (34 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 491-8400) Home of the Archdiocesan Boy's Choir School whose students sing mass on Sundays at 11:00 am and weekdays at 8:00 am when school is in session. Home of the Harvard-Radcliffe Catholic Student Center.

## Service Groups

There are quite a few service organizations which serve a wide variety of needs in the MIT community and in the local community as well. A good way to learn about these groups is to come to their booths at the Activities Midway.

**Alpha Phi Omega (APO)** (W20-415, x3-3788) projects include MIT registration, helping local community service organizations, renovations of local scout camps, fund raising for charities, and the book exchange held during the first week of classes.

**Alpha Kappa Alpha** (W20-401) is a national minority service sorority performing service to the local community and MIT.

**Arnold Air Society** (20E-111) is a national honorary/service fraternity of AFROTC cadets. They engage in a variety of service projects.

**Black Graduate Student Association** (3-136, x3-4860) aims to provide a stimulating and harmonious atmosphere for black graduate students.

**Kappa Alpha Psi** is a national minority service fraternity which has in the past been active in the Big Brother program and other community service groups.

**Lecture Series Committee (LSC)** (W20-469, x3-3791, x3-2072) is a student group organized to provide a general-interest lecture series to the MIT community. It also shows popular movies on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday together with a Friday Classics Series. Information about movies is on tape at 5-9179. The Committee provides hands-on training in graphic design, printing, and projection.

**MIT Black Student Union (MITBSU)** (50-105) is a group which seeks to better the life of black students at MIT. To accomplish this goal they engage in activities ranging from tutoring to providing tapes of lectures. Membership is open to all MIT students.

**MIT Amnesty International Human Rights Campus Network** (2-333) is a chapter of Amnesty International and helps obtain the release of those imprisoned for unjust reasons.

**Student Information Processing Board (SIPB)** (11-205, x3-7788) helps students obtain computer accounts for applications ranging from learning a computer language to doing number crunching and manages all student accounts. They also run some other computer-activities.

**SCC Coffeehouse** (W20-249) operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, serving donuts, candy, bagels, yogurt, all other sorts of munchies, and coffee. The entire operation is student-run and scheduling for hours is at the beginning of fall, spring, and summer terms.

**Technology Community Association (TCA)** (W20-450, x3-4885) publishes this book and the *Freshman Picturebook*, runs a ticket service, a book exchange, silk screening and duplicating facilities, and five TCA-Red Cross Blood Drives each year (2,000 pints isn't TDM!).

**Urban Action** (20A-001, x3-2894) coordinates student volunteers in service groups throughout Cambridge and Boston.

## Running an Activity

There are a large number of existing activities at MIT. The Association of Student Activities (ASA, W20-401, x3-2696) keeps a complete list and copy of the constitutions of all recognized activities. Most groups are in need of enthusiastic members, so don't hesitate to contact the chairman of any activity that interests you. However, you may find your favorite pastime or cause is not represented. If this is the case, don't bemoan the fact — it's not very hard to start an activity given time, a bit of organization, and most importantly, dedication. The first part of this section describes the procedure for your group to become a recognized activity; the remainder gives some tips on organizing and running it.

## So You Want to Be an ASA Activity . . .

This is the easiest part of setting up an activity. The requirements and red tape are minimal. Good people to talk to are Barbara Fienman (Dr. Babs), the dean responsible for student activities (W20-345, x3-7974), or someone from the ASA. Complete requirements, including the paperwork, are available from the UA Secretary in W20-401, x3-2696. Briefly, these are the requirements for becoming an official activity:

### 1. Membership:

- a) You should have at least five student members.
- b) Fifty percent of the voting members must be MIT students.
- c) Membership must not be limited by race, creed, color, or sex. (Voting, however, may be restricted, depending on your group's nature.)

### 2. Constitution: You must submit a constitution, which should state

- a) the purpose of your organization
- b) a definition of membership
- c) how decisions are to be made
- d) the approximate frequency of meetings
- e) the election procedure, duties, and terms of your group's officers.

### 3. Petition: Five MIT students must petition to have the activity recognized.

### 4. List of Officers: The ASA keeps a record of the current officers, their addresses, and phone numbers.



## Organizational Tips

You may organize your activity however you deem fit. Talk to people you know in existing groups and find out how they are run. You should try to avoid making officers' jobs too demanding. Furthermore, be careful not to set quorum too high; at the height of the term, it's not always easy to get people to attend meetings. Finally, try to plan meeting and other events well in advance, so there is time to get out announcements to all members.

*It is unwise to use physical intuition if you don't have any.*

— Prof. A. Mattuck

## Finance

The two important aspects of financing are how to obtain funds and how to keep track of them. Below are some suggestions about how to accomplish each.

### Funding Services

At least initially, an activity will probably need to obtain grants to maintain its functions. Consequently, there are many funding sources at MIT. The Undergraduate Association Finance Board (FinBoard) is the largest and least specialized of these and is described below. The smaller sources, with funds earmarked for specific causes, are too numerous to mention here. To find those sources which might sponsor your activity, ask someone fairly high up in a department or division which seems most closely related (e.g., the Music or Athletic Departments) and talk to the deans.

### FinBoard (W20-401)

In addition to preparing the UA budget and acting as treasury for each of the undergraduate classes, the Finance Board is in charge of allocating the Association of Student Activities budget among the dozens of groups requesting funds. The Finance Board works on a trimester schedule Summer (June-September), Fall (October-January) and Spring (February-May). Budgets are due to FinBoard shortly before the beginning of the next trimester; FinBoard will send out the appropriate forms to all student activities in advance. To be eligible to receive FinBoard grants, an activity must be recognized by the ASA and must not be religious or political in intent. Further, funds issued by FinBoard are to be used only for competition costs, office supplies, publicity expenses, and general operating expenses, and not to sponsor group social events closed to the MIT community.

In allocating the ASA budget, FinBoard follows these criteria:

1. the actual and comparative need of the organization
2. its comparative value to the undergraduate community
3. its educational value for the individual member
4. the number of students in the organization
5. its age and potential for growth (newly formed groups have higher priority).

Some of the Board's budget is saved aside for unanticipated expenses or for groups created between periods of routine hearings. In such cases, a detailed budget covering expenses up to the beginning of the next fiscal year must be submitted. The request is considered at the next meeting of FinBoard.

Further questions about grants or loans from FinBoard should be directed towards the FinBoard chairman. Stop by the UA (W20-401) to find out who he is and how he may be reached.

## Fund Raising

As your group is established, it is encouraged to make smaller requests from its funding sources. FinBoard tends to favor new organizations in allocating funds, so older activities may have a hard time obtaining full grants if they are not making an effort to raise some of their own funds. Often, the nature of your activity may suggest an appropriate item to sell or fund-raising event — thus, the Frisbee Club sells frisbees, and the Shakespeare Ensemble performs Shakespeare. Bake sales in Lobby 10 are often profitable; this is a fund raiser any group could use. (For more information on procuring a booth in Lobby 10, see the **Publicity** section below.) Charging dues for membership can be a source of income, but not one to be exploited heavily, for fear of discouraging prospective members. With a modicum of creativity, you will surely think of several ways to earn money for your group.

## Bookkeeping

How should you keep track of all that money? FinBoard has established a standardized bookkeeping system. The UA accountant in the FinBoard office (W20-401) is helpful and will be glad to help you set up a system suitable to your organization.

# Publicity

Making sure the MIT community is aware of your existence and the events you sponsor is vital to your activity's livelihood. Details of a number of methods commonly employed are described below.

## Newspapers

### The Tech

*The Tech* (W20-483, x3-1541) is published Tuesdays and Fridays and has the largest readership of any campus newspaper.

1. The **Notes** column costs nothing, but nothing submitted is guaranteed to be printed. Announcements are fit in wherever space is available; priority is given to MIT notices and free events. The date, time, place, and pertinent information should be written out and mailed or hand-delivered to *The Tech* office before 5pm two days before the issue is published.

2. **Display ads** have the same deadline as **Notes** announcements. You may hand in camera-ready copy or have *The Tech* typeset your ad. For rates, call *The Tech*.

### Tech Talk

*Tech Talk* (5-113, x3-3270) is the Institute's official newspaper. It is published each Wednesday.



1. **Calendar and Announcements** (deadline: Friday noon) — Submissions for these columns should include the date, time, location, and other pertinent information.

2. **Articles** — The *Tech Talk* staff will help you write an article describing your event. The deadline is more flexible, but it must be completed by Tuesday afternoon, so that it can be included in the next day's issue. However, *Tech Talk* will not always publish articles submitted.

## Lecture Series Committee

LSC (W20-469, x3-3791) is a student-run organization that is best known for the movies that it shows every weekend. It has a large publicity department which often does work for other organizations.

**Slides** describing your event/meeting will be shown at every LSC movie on a given weekend. Either give the information to the main office and have slide typed or submit camera-ready copy. Cost: \$20. Special typesetting available at \$1 per foot, Deadline: Wednesday, 5 pm. Cost if late: \$25, but showing not guaranteed.

In addition, LSC can print **flyers, posters, and invitations** any size up to 17×22". Paper from index stock to MIT bond in a spectrum of colors is available. Typesetting can be done at LSC or *The Tech*, or camera-ready copy can be submitted. Prices are negotiable. Contact the LSC office or the LSC Publicity Director.

## Flyers and Posters

Posters can be effective, particularly if they are eye-catching. Physical Plant forbids posting notices except on the few bulletin boards covered with many layers of notices. This does not stop many activities from using wall space and having their posters torn down nightly. A few recommended printers are LSC and those listed below. Silkscreening, described below, is another option, usually cheaper though it requires manpower.

## Other Printers

1. **Graphic Arts** — Located at MIT. Convenient for Xeroxing. Call x3-3883 or x3-4765 for further information.

2. **Copy Cop** (815 Boylston St., Boston, 267-9267) — Good for smaller jobs (on the order of 1000 copies or less). They are fairly fast and will make copies while you wait if you come before 3:45 pm.

3. **Gnomon Copy** (1304 Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq., 491-1165) — Good all-around service, can be done while you wait. They will do good offset printing in color.

4. **Copyquik** (1230 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 864-1856) — Good service that provides typesetting as well as printing service. They will also help you design your copy.

5. **Postal Instant Press (PIP)** (185 Alewife Brook Pkwy., Cambridge, 497-4999) — The Cambridge branch is newly opened. They can do a wide variety of printing and are extremely fast.

## **Silkscreening**

This is a printing method used chiefly for posters and t-shirts. T-shirts are good publicity in their own right, and sales can be profitable if they're properly managed. Silkscreening is usually the cheapest way to have posters printed but requires a labor commitment. The **Technology Community Association** can provide the materials and know-how; you supply the manpower. For more information contact TCA (W20-450, x3-4885).

## **Bulk Mailings**

Mailings to prospective members or people who will participate in your event provides a more personal touch that may get a response. However, the cost of a mailing is greater than that for other forms of advertising.

A mailbox stuffing is a very inexpensive means of reaching a large part of the student community. Bring bundles of flyers to each dorm desk, and ask for permission to come behind the desk to stuff the boxes. Leaving four to five flyers in each of the mailboxes for independent living groups in W20-501 is also a good idea.

If you need a more selective mailing, the Registrar (E19-335, x3-4784) can provide address labels for any undergraduate class for about \$30.00. However, you must first obtain permission from the Dean for Student Affairs (7-133, x3-6776). Here again, it is advisable, especially if you are in a hurry, to do the mailbox stuffing yourself. The MIT mail service (24-007) dislikes being flooded with hundreds of flyers, and you should talk to them if you intend to send a large mailing by interdepartmental mail.

Mailings to the incoming freshmen are a good idea to attract new members. Labels for all of the incoming freshmen can be obtained in May from the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (7-104, x3-6671). The R/O Committee sends a packet to the freshmen in July, which allows an organization to reach the freshmen at a much lower cost.

## **Drop Poster**

Drop posters are long vertical posters hanging down from the second or third floor of Lobby 7. Such a poster is a good way to publicize an event since it takes some effort to ignore them while walking through Lobby 7. A drop poster takes about 30 feet of paper, some paint, and permission from the Lobby 7 Coordinator, Steve Burke (W20-501, x3-7974). TCA (W20-450, x3-4885) sells paper at \$.15/foot. APO (W20-415, x3-3788) sells paint at \$.25/foot of poster.

## **Lobby 10**

You may need to obtain a booth in Lobby 10 to sell tickets or baked goods, hand out balloons, etc. Contact Steve Burke in W20-501 (x3-7479) to reserve a booth.

## **Letterpress**

If you need tickets or stationery, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity can print them very reasonably on its letterpress. For information and rates call APO (x3-3788) and ask for a press operator.



# Space

To run your activity, you may need office space, and you will almost certainly need to reserve rooms for various events from time to time. In this section procedures for obtaining both of these are described.

*Common sense is not so common.*

— Voltaire

## Office Space

Office space is available through the ASA, on the basis of demonstrated need. If there is no other office space available, your organization can be assigned to the small activities room in the Student Center (W20-437).

## Event Space

### Student Center

The renovated Student Center will include several meeting rooms. For more information and for reservations, contact the Campus Activities Complex (W20-500, 3-7974).

### Kresge

Kresge Auditorium is the place with the largest seating capacity on campus. It is used for movies, bands, the orchestra, and lectures. The scheduling for the auditorium is done in March for the coming school year and is booked fairly solidly. In addition to the auditorium, there is a *Little Theatre* and two rehearsal rooms. All of these facilities are scheduled by Barbara Fienman's office.

### The Bush Room

The Bush Room (10-105) is a large, comfortable room suited for luncheon or dinner meetings but is usually not available except for large institute programs. There are kitchen facilities available. Reservations can be made through the Alumni Office (10-110, x3-8201), but they are often unpleasant when dealing with students. They seem to forget that students will soon become Alumni.

### Other Locations

Obtain a copy of the Campus Activities Procedural Handbook for more room listings.

1. *Department Lounges*: Many of the larger departments have carpeted lounges appropriate for meetings. They may be reserved through the department headquarters and are usually hidden somewhere nearby.
2. *Classrooms* are also available for use when classes are not scheduled. They are scheduled through the Schedules Office (E19-338, x3-4788).
3. *DuPont Gymnasium*, *Briggs Field*, and *Rockwell Cage* are available but very hard to obtain. Activities must yield to Physical Education classes, varsity and club sports, and intramural events. Arrangements can be made by calling x3-4916.

4. Most dormitories have a room that is fairly large, often with kitchen facilities. It is possible to rent these rooms at a nominal cost. For more information call the dormitory's desk.

*. . . and so, the science of genetics has made tremendous gains. For instance, statistical studies have shown that chances are that if your parents didn't have children, you won't either.*

— a 9th grade biology report

## Women's Resources

Since males outnumber females at MIT, women here may have different experiences and problems than they would in other places. All services that are open for males are also available to women; in addition, a few activities and services especially for women are available.

The **Margaret Cheney Room** (3-310, x3-4880) is a suite of rooms especially set aside for currently registered female students. It has a grand piano, complete kitchen equipment, beds, study areas, and showers. It serves as a meeting place for women's activities and women in general.

Women may obtain the lock combination to the Room by bringing their student ID to Room 5-106. Locker space may be obtained for a yearly charge of \$2.00, also in Room 5-106.

Various women's groups use the Cheney Room for their meetings and social gatherings. In order to reserve the room for such activities, call 253-4861.

*Before I built a wall I'd ask to know  
What I was walling in or walling out,  
And to whom I was likely to give offense.*

— Robert Frost

If you are female and have a problem (medical, social, academic, psychological, etc.), all the counseling and medical services of the Institute are open to you. However, if you prefer counseling or treatment by a female, you can get it. Some helpful women are Dotty Bowe, Assistant Director of Financial Aid (5-119, x3-4971), Dr. Myra Rodrigues (E23-341, x3-4911) and Mrs. Jacqueline Buck (E23-344, x3-4911), social workers; Dr. Charlotte Schwartz, the clinical sociologist; and Dr. Margaret Ross, psychiatrist (E23-376, x3-2916). Be warned of "women prejudiced against women." Some of the worst cases of unfair treatment of women in the past decade have been by female "counselors" who themselves have failed in life.

The Medical Department has a female dermatologist. A female gynecologist, Fruma Ginsburgh, M.D. (E23-315, x3-1315), is available most afternoons. The department does have a part-time midwife. Gynecology is covered by MIT Students' Medical Insurance. Birth control advice and contraceptives are available on a confidential basis to those who want them. For more information call the Medical Department. They will also provide referrals for abortions.



If you should find yourself discriminated against because of your sex, (or any other reason), notify Mary Rowe (10-215, x3-5921), Special Assistant to the President, who is specifically concerned with the quality of life for all women (and men) connected with MIT.

*There can be no free men until there are free women.*

— Anonymous

Women's groups at MIT include:

**Association of MIT Alumnae** (AMITA, x3-8233) meets regularly. They also serve as an organization through which current students may meet with alumnae to discuss careers, chat informally, etc. AMITA may be contacted through the Alumni Association.

**Association for Women Students** (AWS, W20-447) is run by students. The projects it undertakes are determined by the members and can include finding speakers, giving support to the women's sports program, serving as an information resource, and possibly founding a Women's Center at MIT.

**Minority Women's Programs** (5-106; x3-4861). Marilyn Braithwaite, Assistant Dean or Lynn Roberson, Staff Assistant for Women Students. Although there are a variety of resources available to women students at MIT, minority women's interests and concerns can be specifically addressed via support groups, activities and programs. At present, minority women are active in planning programs of interest to them. If you are interested in becoming involved, your presence would be most welcome.

**Pro-Femina** (W20-447, x3-8898) is a feminist group that does activist work on and around the MIT campus. They write a newspaper, sponsor speakers and slide shows, and hold rallies.

**Society of Women Engineers** (SWE) (W20-447; x3-2096) is an international organization of engineers and scientists dedicated to supporting the professional interests of women. The MIT SWE section supports the objectives of the national organization with career guidance, professional development and friendly support. They are a social and personal support group as well for women of all disciplines. Some of their activities are: the annual Career Fair, guest speakers, workshops, the production of the members' Resumé Book (sent to companies all over the United States!) and frequent social hours.

**Tech Community Women** (TCW, formerly Technology Wives Organization) is an organization which welcomes into membership women who are wives of students or of employees as well as single women who are MIT students or employees. The purpose of the organization is that of welcoming women into the MIT community and helping them to feel at home here. The activities, which provide social fellowship and promote the broadening of members' interests, are publicized each month in the TCW newsletter, *New Directions*.

**The Wives' Group** provides a program of informal activities for American and international wives of students, staff, faculty, and visiting scientists. Several groups have been organized for those who would like to get acquainted with other women and learn about the U.S. and Boston, including a Wednesday afternoon group, which presents invited speakers covering a broad range of topics; a Wednesday morning group, which visits museums and places of historical interest; and the craft group, whose members offer

instruction in different handcrafts. Babysitting is provided during the Wednesday afternoon group; children come along to the other meetings. Other activities which have been organized for members are visits to schools, professional contacts, a language conversation exchange, neighborhood support groups, informal dinner groups for couples, and a welcoming network of persons who help newcomers get settled. The group is informal, and new members may join at any time during the year. It has produced *Getting Acquainted: A Book of Information About MIT and the Boston Area*, which describes resources both on- and off-campus, and is especially helpful for families new to the area. For more information call Dr. Charlotte Schwartz (x3-2916). For copies of *Getting Acquainted* come to E23-376.

**Women's Advisory Group** is a committee of representatives of women's groups at MIT which serves as a lobbying group for improvements or decisions affecting MIT women. Representatives are chosen by women's groups. For more information contact Mary Rowe (10-215, x3-5921).

**Women's Athletic Council** consists of representatives from each women's team at MIT and exists to further the development of athletic programs and facilities for women. (MIT has an extensive women's athletic program. There are varsity basketball, fencing, gymnastics, softball, swimming, sailing, tennis, volleyball, and crew teams as well as synchronized swimming, rugby, lacrosse, and cheerleading clubs.)

**MIT Women's Conference of the IFC** addresses the concerns of those groups which (1) have membership in the MIT Inter-Fraternity Council, and (2) have members who are women. The Women's Conference includes Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, Delta Psi (Number 6), Epsilon Theta, Fenway, Student House, and the Women's Independent Living Group (WILG). For information, call Lynn Roberson at x3-4861.

**Women's Forum** members include all women at MIT. They meet at noon on the first and third Mondays of the month to discuss a wide variety of topics and offer a good opportunity for faculty, employees, spouses, and students to get together. They have a mailbox in E19-341, or call Isabelle Barclay at x3-4787.

**MIT Women's League** includes all wives of faculty, administrative and research staff and all female staff members. They have a meeting room (Emma Rogers Room, 10-340) and an adjoining office (10-342, x3-3656). In addition to having special programs, members are involved in a number of projects that benefit the community at large (e.g. furniture exchange, English classes for foreign wives, Christmas Convocation, TCA-Red Cross Blood Drives, Seminar Series, and the Newcomer Welcoming Committee).

Off-campus women's organizations include:

**Boston Women's Collective, Inc.** (490 Beacon St., Boston, 266-2620) is a non-profit organization that researches and publishes educational materials.

**Boston Women's Health Collective** (465 Mt. Auburn, Watertown, 924-0271) has written the book *Our Bodies, Ourselves* and has an ongoing interest in health care and services.

**Center for Women's Legal Studies** (678 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 492-5200) does test litigation on problems affecting women. If they accept your case, their services are free. Also connected with them is the Women's Law Collective, a group of women attorneys who handle private legal matters for a fee.



**National Organization for Women (NOW)** (99 Bishop Richard Allen Dr., Cambridge, 661-6015) is the eastern Massachusetts chapter of this multi-faceted organization for men and women. Through educational and political involvement they deal with issues of abortion, employment, child care, health, and religion. They offer speakers' bureaus, legal referral, and consciousness-raising groups.

*Sojourner* is a feminist journal of the arts for sale at the Coop.

Check with the **New Words Bookstore** (Hampshire St., Cambridge) about other local feminist publications, clubs, etc.

*There are two sides to every question; the wrong side and our side.*

— Benjamin Franklin





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# Travel and Transportation

Like the Institute, the Boston area is a difficult place to learn how to navigate. The streets in the older sections follow former cowpaths and shorelines and make very little sense to newcomers. Occasional grids exist, e.g. in Back Bay and South Boston, but even here confusion reigns — the numbering changes from street to street.

To really understand Boston's street layout, you need to realize that its roads run from square to square. Learn where each square is, and the streets just fall into place. (See the maps on the following pages.)

Peculiarities to note:

1. Most streets are not clearly marked. Main streets are almost never marked; you can go out of your mind reading the name of each tiny side street without ever finding out which highway you are on.

One key to finding your way in Back Bay: side streets there go in alphabetical order, starting with "A" (Arlington) at the Public Garden and ending at "K" (Kilnarnoch) in the Fenway.

2. The Charles River is *not* a good direction index. It bends from north to south and back. The only certain thing about it is that if you follow it downstream or upstream far enough you'll get to MIT. Then you can ask someone for directions.

3. Main streets likewise weave back and forth. Massachusetts Avenue is a primary example, weaving its way from Lexington through Cambridge into Boston. If you don't believe this, try figuring out how Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive both lead to Harvard.

4. House numbers on a street do not go by 100 per block but sequentially, with random inconsistencies. The average is about 30 numbers per block, meaning that 300 numbers is far away. Some streets have odd and even numbers on the same side, numbers increasing on one side and decreasing on another!

5. What appears to be one roadway can sometimes have more than one name. For example, the same pavement is Winter Street north of Washington Street but Summer south of it. Water turns to Milk in a similar maneuver. A favorite trick is for a street to change names as it crosses a town line. Cambridge Street in Allston turns into River Street in Cambridge. Harvard Street in Brighton turns into John F. Kennedy (Boylston) St. as soon as it enters Cambridge. Mass. Ave. in Cambridge changes into White Way near Porter Square and then to Cambridge St.

Not only that, but the same name is used for different streets in different towns or even different sections of the same town. All of the streets mentioned above are repeated again and again in various locations. Boylston St. in Cambridge has no relation to Boylston St. in Boston, nor do any of the myriad Harvard and Washington Streets have anything in common. In another variation, the street names stay the same, but the numbering system starts all over again, normally in the opposite direction. For instance, 840 Mass. Ave. in Boston is nowhere near 840 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge.

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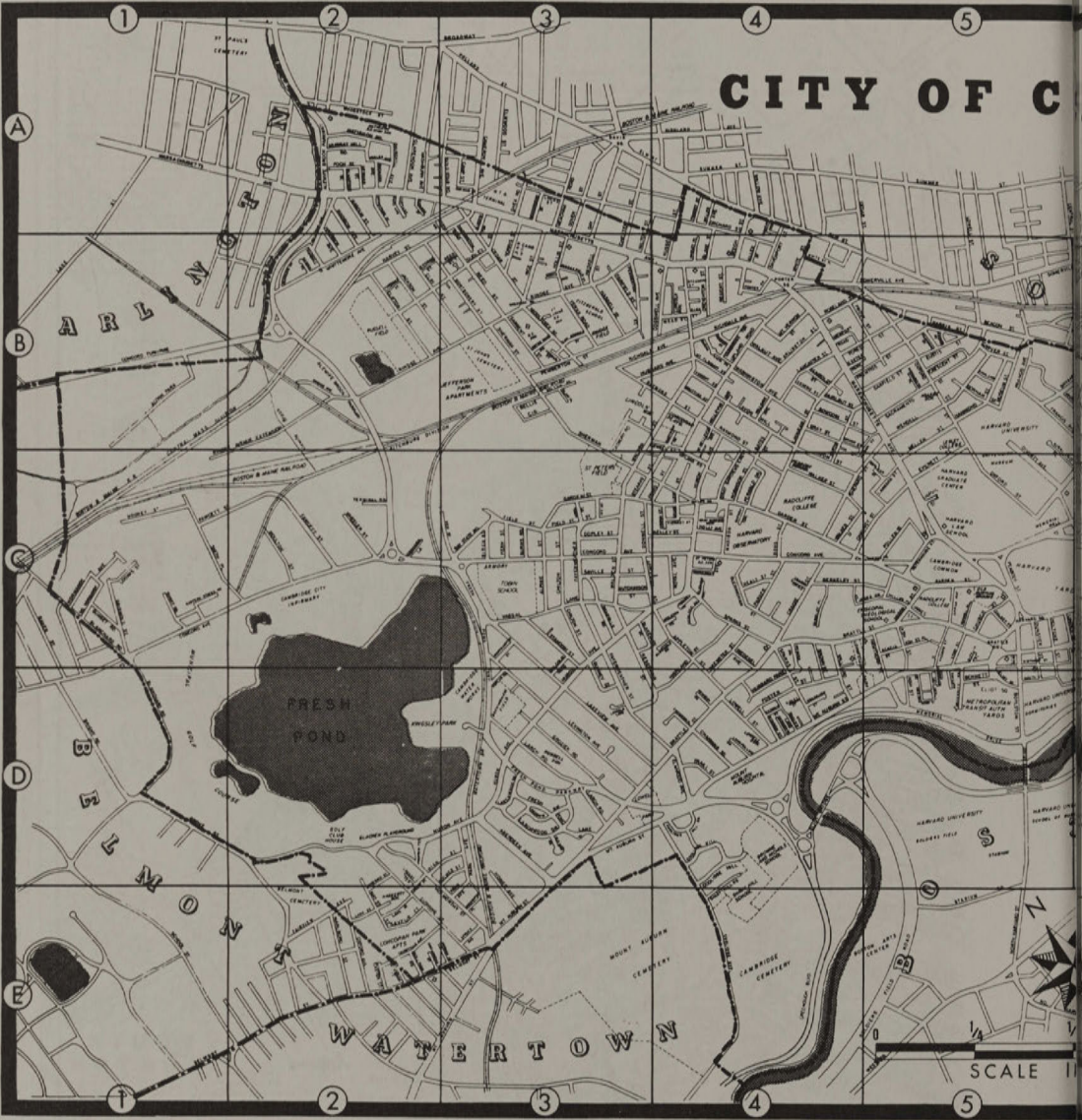
## CAMBRIDGE

















6. Town names are no less confusing than street names. Present-day Boston includes the old townships of Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, Hyde Park, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, South Boston, Dorchester, East Boston and Roslindale. At the core of all this is Boston Proper, which includes the neighborhoods of the North End, West End, South End, Downtown, Chinatown, Beacon Hill, and Back Bay. In addition there are unofficial terms, such as Readville, South Cove, Columbia Point and Orient Heights, in common use. The various governments, the post office, the telephone company and the local people all differ concerning which of these terms should be used. (But note that Brookline, although an inner suburb, is *not* a part of Boston.)

7. Adjacent areas often have similar names. For example, Newton Center, West Newton, Newton Lower Falls, Newton Upper Falls and Auburndale (how did *that* get there?) are all parts of Newton.

8. The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) is a separate (not equal, greater, or lesser, just separate) entity charged with handling certain services for Boston and the outlying suburbs. The parks, MDC police, water supply, MDC "parkways," many pools, skating rinks, tennis courts, and sewers are managed by the MDC.

9. When traveling to an unfamiliar place pick an easily visible landmark near where you want to go or know the name of the nearest square (roads tend to run from square to square) and head for that. It is also much easier to ask strangers for directions to landmarks than to out-of-the-way places.

*Had I been present at the Creation, I would have given some useful hints for a better ordering of the Universe.*

— King Alfonso the Learned, upon hearing  
an explanation of astronomy according to Plato

## Maps

Good, free maps are difficult to come by. Cambridge and Boston Chambers of Commerce sporadically publish maps and may have a few available. The Information Office (7-121, x3-4795) and many dorm desks have maps you can consult. For a few dollars, The Coop sells several good maps of Cambridge and Boston, including the **Arrow Street Guide of Boston and Surrounding Communities**. **Car-free in Boston and all Massachusetts**, an excellent book with all sorts of transit, biking, and walking maps as well as tips on using mass transit, taxicabs, and bicycles, may be available but has not been updated recently. The Park St. T-station usually has maps and schedules of all T routes.

## Walking

Compared with many other cities, Boston is a city of microscopic distances, and walking is often the easiest form of transportation. During rush hour it may be almost as fast as driving, especially from here to Harvard Square. Another advantage of walking is that you get a chance to meet people and see shops and activities you would otherwise miss. If you need an escort across campus, call Campus Police (x3-2997). This service of Campus Police is especially good for women travelling alone at night or anyone with a large sum of money to be deposited.

If you are walking alone at night, find a friend or two to go with you, especially if you are going off campus or into an unknown area. Otherwise, use your common sense.



Boston and Cambridge have high crime rates and even a “grungy-looking” student isn’t necessarily safe. Use only well-lit, well-travelled streets; don’t take short cuts. Even if you plan to avoid the notorious Combat Zone, remember that just walking along Memorial Drive to look at the river by moonlight can be hazardous. The Campus Police can give you information about danger zones around the MIT campus.

## Jogging

Boston is a reasonably good place to go jogging if you don’t mind competing with bicycles and other joggers on the sometimes crowded paths. The Charles River has a 16-mile circuit which runs along both sides of the river from Science Park to Watertown. (See the Charles River Mileage Map.) If jogging, use your common sense; crime can happen anywhere. You should also beware of Boston drivers, who are often not looking where they are going.

## Hitchhiking

Although hitchhiking may be a popular way to get around, it is illegal in Boston, Cambridge, and other cities. Enforcement, however, seems to be left up to the whim of the particular policeman. Your hair length, the number of holes in your clothes, and the policeman’s disposition must be taken into account. Usually, the police will ask violators to stop and will not bother to issue tickets. Laws and penalties vary from one jurisdiction to the next.

Unfortunately, police are not the only hazard to hitchhikers. There have been a number of students (drivers and hitchhikers) shot or robbed. It takes a lot of nerve for even a gorilla to hitchhike in some neighborhoods.

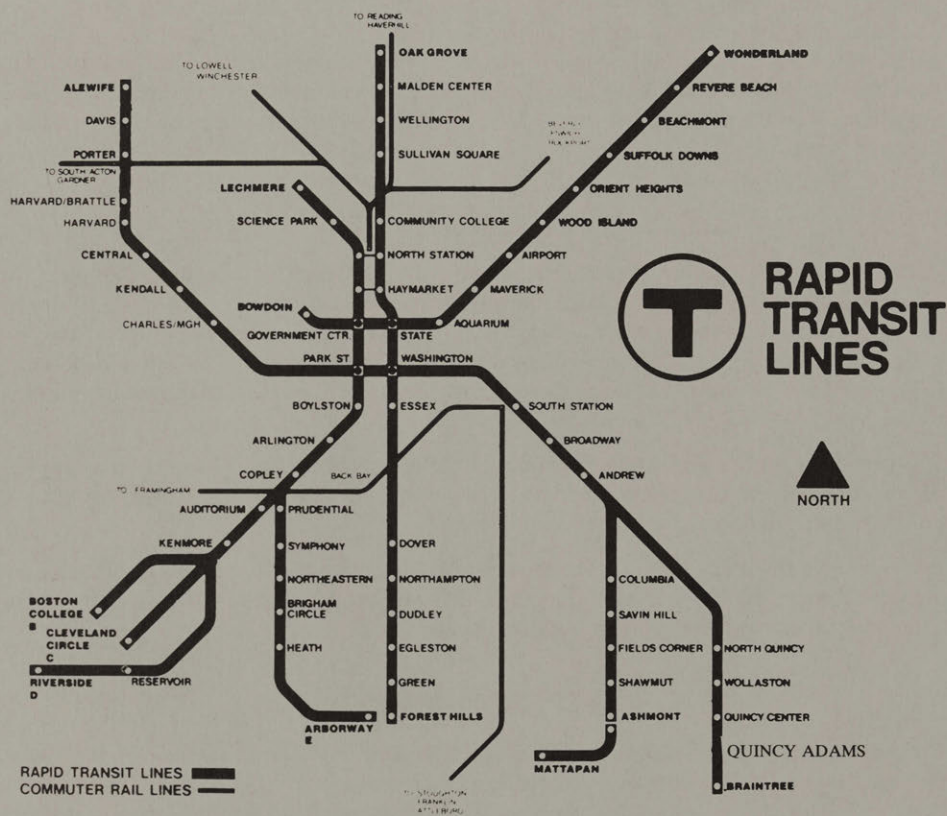
If you haven’t hitchhiked before, Boston isn’t the place to start. If you plan on hitchhiking anyway, remember that you are taking your life into your own hands. It’s usually worth the money spent to avoid playing Russian Roulette.

## Mass Transit

Boston has one of the oldest and dearest mass transit systems in the country. It is operated by the **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**, usually known as the “T.” Park Street station, in a tunnel which has been declared a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest subway station in the nation. The T uses rapid transit cars, streetcars, electric buses (trackless trolleys), conventional buses, and diesel-powered commuter rail cars.

The T has been in a state of transition recently. Some services have been cut and others change frequently. Despite its faults, the T is still the best means of transportation in Boston.

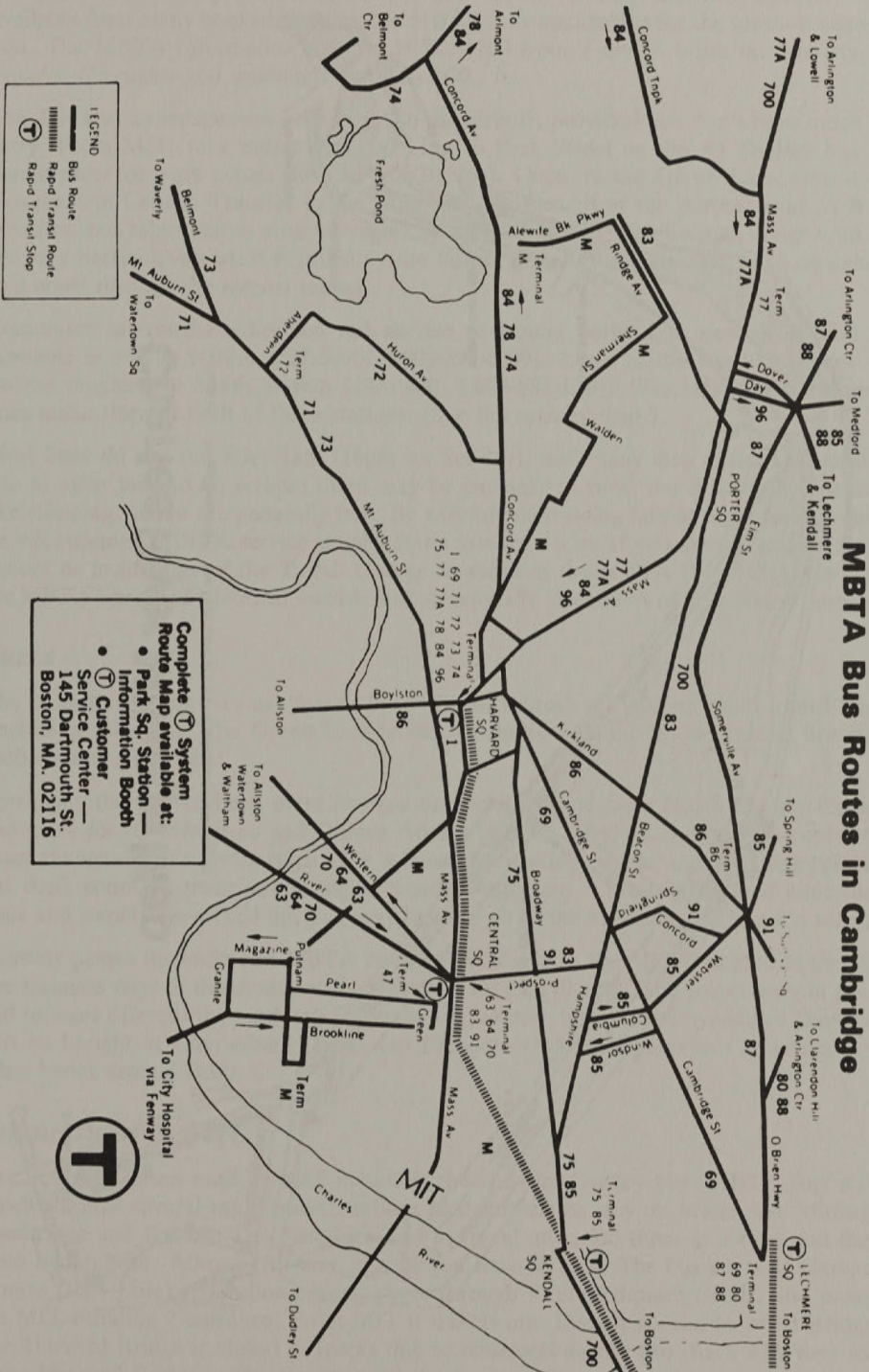
The MBTA system is built around its subway system. Most bus lines begin at subway stations. Most of the major bus routes in Cambridge radiate from either Harvard or Central stations on the Red Line. For details of subway system routes see the Rapid Transit map on the next page. For bus routes in Cambridge, see the page after that.



The Oak Grove-Forest Hills line (Orange line) has undergone extensive construction in 1987; however, new maps showing all lines were not available at time of publication. See next page for map of new Orange line alone.

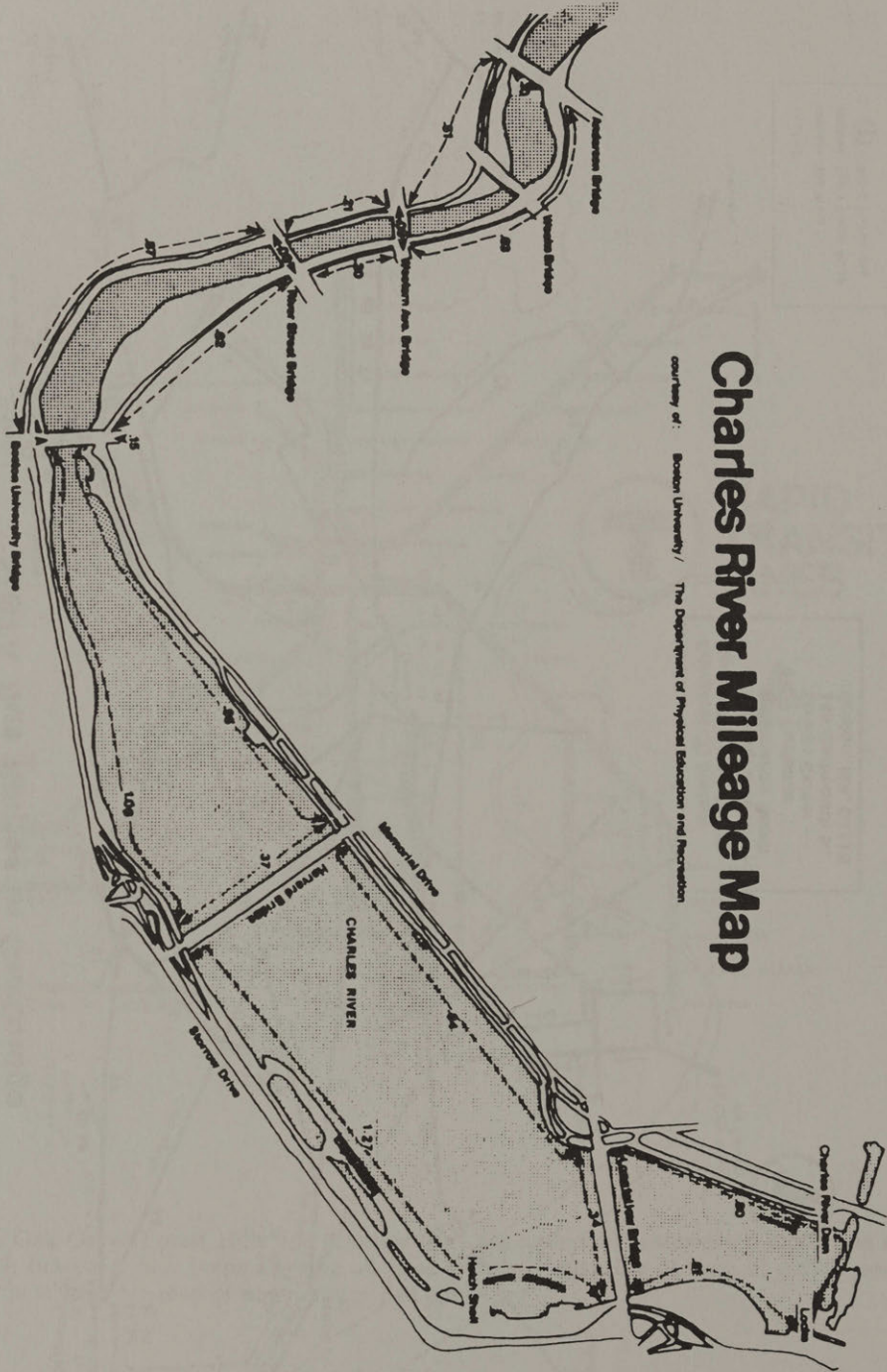


# MBTA Bus Routes in Cambridge



# Charles River Mileage Map

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Complete system maps, showing all bus and subway routes, and bus schedules are available from many bookstores. Call the MBTA information line for the location nearest you. The MBTA information number is 722-3200 from 7 am to 6 pm on Monday to Fridays. On nights and weekends dial 722-5000.

The T is also an inexpensive way to get to the airport, provided you don't have much to carry. From MIT, take either the Red Line to Park Street or the #1 Dudley bus to Auditorium (or walk across the Harvard Bridge). Once on the Green Line, take it to Government Center. Transfer to the Blue Line and get off at the Airport stop. A free Massport bus takes you to your terminal. Leave early during rush hour as things tend to get very hectic. Even so, it is probably the fastest way during rush hour since cars slow to a crawl through the airport tunnel.

Commuter intermediate-distance rail service to points north and west of Boston is available at North Station (227-5070, 1-800-392-6099). Lines to the south and west of Boston originate at South Station (482-4400, 1-800-882-1220). The MBTA rapid transit lines make stops at both of these stations. (See the subway map.)

Most lines do not run after 1am (10pm on Sunday), and many stop earlier. Schedules late at night tend to be erratic; there may be cutbacks in runs, the driver may not feel like stopping; things are generally bad. Be careful when riding late at night, or you may be left stranded. MBTA service usually starts around 6 a.m. If you are interested in the history or technology of the T, call George Sanborn at the MBTA (973-7151). He runs the MBTA library of historical records and occasionally gives tours of abandoned tunnels.

## Fares

The basic fare is 50¢ on bus "feeder lines" (most routes) and 60¢ on rapid transit lines (including subways). The Green Line is 75¢, or more, inbound above ground but free outbound above ground.

Previously there have been extra charges on the Red Line from North Quincy Center and more for the Braintree and Quincy Adams stations. Trolleys and buses accept only exact change. Most subway stops have a booth for making change and/or selling tokens, but don't count on them late at night. Kendall outbound is often unmanned after rush hour and sometimes locked up; you may have to go to the inbound side to get a token.

Monthly passes for unlimited MBTA rides are available to the MIT Community the last five business days of the month at the Cashier's Office (10-180). The passes vary in price and services offered: the Cashier's Office has up-to-date information available. They can also be bought at Charlesbank Trust and Freedom Federal Savings in Cambridge and other banks around Boston.

## Connections at MIT

The line most often used by MIT people is the Harvard-Dudley bus (MBTA Bus #1), which stops at several rapid transit stations as it threads its way on Mass. Ave. through Cambridge and Boston. The buses are said to travel in packs: three at a time and then none for an hour. Allow extra time in case you have to wait. The bus starts at Harvard Square (Red Line), runs along Mass. Ave. through Central Square (Red), and passes the MIT Building 7 entrance. From MIT it travels into Boston via the Harvard Bridge. The Harvard Bridge is closed to trucks due to *structural defects* (So that's why they call it the Harvard Bridge!). The bus then continues along Mass. Ave. from the base of the

Harvard Bridge. It stops at Auditorium (Green), Symphony (Green), and Northampton. Finally, there is a short leg south on Washington Street to Dudley, where the bus turns around for the return trip. Alternatively, if you're on the eastern part of the MIT campus, the Kendall Square station of the Red Line is only a short walk away. In addition, the Central Square Red Line station is a short walk up Mass. Ave.

To find bus stops just look for signs or ask the bus drivers. (They can sometimes be helpful.)

*It seems to make an auto driver mad if he misses you.*

— Kim Hubbard

*This song, in a version recorded by The Kingston Trio, was a popular hit in the late 1950's.*

*Let me tell you the story of a man named Charlie  
On that tragic and fateful day.  
He put ten cents in his pocket, kissed his wife and family,  
And went to ride on the MTA.*

CHORUS:

*Well, did he ever return?  
No, he never returned  
And his fate is still unlearned.  
He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston,  
He's the man who never returned.*

*Charlie handed in his dime at the Kendall Square Station  
And he changed for Jamaica Plain.  
When he got there the conductor told him, "One more nickel!"  
Charlie couldn't get off that train.*

CHORUS

*All night long, Charlie rode through the subway  
Crying "What will becomes of me?"  
"How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea,  
Or my cousing in Roxbury?"*

CHORUS

*Charlie's wife goes down to the Scollay Square Station  
Every day at a quarter past two.  
And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich  
As the train comes rumbling through.*

CHORUS

*Well, all you citizens of Boston, don't you think it's a scandal  
How the people have to pay and pay?  
Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brien  
Get poor Charlie off the MTA!*



*FINAL CHORUS*

*Or else he'll never return  
 No he'll never return  
 And his fate will be unlearned  
 He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston,  
 He's the man who never returned*

*Note: George O'Brien used this as a campaign song in his bid for mayor. (He lost the election miserably.)*

## Taxis

Taxis can be convenient since they avoid many of the usual problems associated with cars. However, they are expensive (at least 95¢ initially, 20¢ per 1/7 mile, plus \$18 per hour) and are least available when you need them most. During rush hour they tend to be quite hard to find and will sometimes take a half hour to answer a call. Just before a holiday or during bad weather they are almost impossible to find quickly; if you want a cab at such times you should call not less than an hour beforehand. The **Ambassador Brattle Taxi Co.** can be reached at x3-2301 or 492-1100. During peak times, try a taxi company from an outside phone (phone numbers in Yellow Pages). They tend to respond quicker to non-students. Taxis can often be found in front of 77 Mass. Ave., near the Kendall Square T-stop, and (almost always) outside the Hyatt-Regency (right next door to Next House).

Cab drivers are generally talkative, opinionated, and nonviolent if you tip them 10-15%.

## Bicycles

A two-wheeler can be a good answer to traffic and parking problems — if the thought of facing Boston drivers doesn't scare you off. Cyclists are legally expected to obey all traffic laws (although many don't, angering drivers, especially cabbies, to no end and making for general mayhem on the streets). Although enforcement for bicycles is almost nonexistent, obeying the law is usually your best bet.

### Keeping Your Bike

Theft is a tremendous problem. Both Boston and Cambridge are so well supplied with bicycle thieves that the chance of leaving even a cruddy bicycle unlocked overnight and finding it the next day are miniscule. Things are somewhat better during the day, but not much.

The only two bike locks which stand much of a chance of saving your bike are the **Citadel** and the **Kryptonite**. Both are available at the **Bicycle Workshop** and come with insurance. **Lechmere** sometimes carries them for a lower price. Boston thieves, however, frequently take wheels, seats, and anything else not locked on.

There are indoor or covered bicycle parking areas located in the breezeway under Building 39, in the basement of Buildings 3 and 13, and in most of the dormitories. The area in Building 13 has a card-key system. You can register for a card-key at Campus Police headquarters for \$2.50. Other bicycle areas are located throughout the campus. But don't take it for granted that a high traffic area is safe: it probably isn't.

The wide variety of bicycle racks is the result of several experimental designs tried by Physical Plant, the Planning Office, and others. If you have any particular favorite or suggestions for new designs, Mr. Pickard at Physical Plant (x3-3940) would like to hear about them.

One place where bicycles should *never* be parked is on the handrails of the steps of the Hermann Building (E53) (or any other handrails). There have been several accidents involving blind people falling over bicycles left there, and Physical Plant has been known to cut chains and remove bicycles from improper locations. They have no objections to the use of light poles, no-parking signs, or trees as long as safety hazards are not created. In addition, *never* park your bike on any wheelchair ramp, including the ramps in front of the Student Center.

## Buying and Registering Your Wheels

Bicycles and accessories can be purchased from several stores in the area; check the Yellow Pages. Stores include **Cambridge Cycle Mart**, **Lifecycle**, **The Bicycle Revival**, **Bicycle Workshop**, **Herson Cycle**, **Brookline Sales and Service**, and the **Ski Market**. Shop around before you buy and make sure you don't get rooked on the accessories. **Hint:** Buy a lock and chain first, so that you have a means of keeping your brand new bike.

**The Bicycle Repair Collective** (351 Broadway, Cambridge, 868-3392), a political collective, is claimed to be good for parts and repairs at non-ripoff prices. Good advice on repairing your bike and tools are also available.

Bicycles should be registered with the Campus Police and with the Cambridge Police in Central Square (5 Western Ave.). It costs 25¢ but helps them recover your bike if it is stolen. Be sure to record your bike's serial number since that is the only way to positively identify it. Also, Cambridge police will not look for your cycle if you can't give them a serial number.

It is advisable to put a full set of reflectors on your bike along with a headlight (they're required by law) and to wear a safety helmet (how much is your head worth?). Extra precautions, including proper reflectors and lights, should be taken when you ride at night.

**The Boston Area Bicycle Coalition** (Cambridge, 491-7433) works on legislation to help commuting cyclists. Among other things, they help new commuting cyclists with a bike-buddy service and with workshops. Call their number for information on their services, such as discounts at local bicycle stores and tours.

**The Charles River Wheelmen** (131 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge) organize frequent bike trips and sports events. See Prof. David Wilson (3-447, x3-5121) if you are interested in the more esoteric aspects of cycling such as researching bike dynamics or developing new bike routes.

Some dormitories have bike repair facilities. Generally these are for the use of dormitory residents only. Also, the MIT Outing Club sometimes holds bicycle repair sessions and organizes bike trips. Bicycles are absolutely forbidden on the subway or buses. Check with the MBTA.

If you are traveling on Amtrak, you can bring your bike for about \$4 if you remove any batteries and turn down the handlebars, reverse the handles and box it. Be sure to show up at the station a half hour early and try to be on hand when the bike is loaded and



unloaded. Make sure there are baggage rooms at the stations at both ends of the trip and avoid the Turbotrain and Metroliner which have no baggage cars.

Most major airlines will provide boxes for shipping bicycles. They charge a set fee for shipping anywhere in the US.

### Mopeds

Mopeds are obtainable at **Moped City** (491-5375) in Harvard Square. The only requirement is that you have an automobile driver's license and agree to drive the moped at no more than 25 miles per hour. Otherwise treat it like a bicycle. Get a Kryptonite moped lock so you can keep your moped. A moped cost is approximately \$600-\$900.

### Motorcycles

Motorcycles must be registered with Campus Police. Out-of-state cycles must be registered with the local police also. Check with Campus Police (x3-2997) for details. State law requires that you have a certain minimum amount of insurance and proper headgear for both driver and passenger. There are several motorcycle organizations in the area. Check with other owners or dealers. Wear a helmet!

### Automobiles

A car can be a great advantage, but driving in Boston involves a large set of aggravations (including Boston drivers). In addition, registration, insurance, maintenance, and gas can get pretty expensive. There is a good chance you can get by without a car in Boston and save a lot of money and aggravation. However, parking problems notwithstanding, a car is normally the best means of transportation for people living far from MIT.

### Parking

Parking is a problem, but it's not too bad if you don't mind walking long distances and feeding meters. Meter maids patrol during the daytime, so if you neglect to pay up you're very likely to get tagged. Car thieves are as prevalent as bicycle thieves, so keep your car locked and put tempting articles out of sight, preferably in the trunk. There are many garages in the theatre and shopping districts, but they fill early and cost a lot, especially in the evening; go early or take the T.

MIT parking is very tight. Faculty and some staff members can get stickers for the lots and garages from their departmental headquarters. (Trading stickers is permitted; check the ads in *Tech Talk*.) Some people park in the street, frequently blocking firelanes, pedestrian access, and each other. To get a street space reasonably close to the main buildings you should plan to arrive around 7am. Parking is banned, however, on Memorial Drive from 7-10am. You might be able to find a space if you arrive close to 10am. Otherwise, start looking for a space about ½ mile away. After 5pm on weekdays and on weekends, the MIT lots are generally open to all. However, be wary of the parking garages at night. They are high-risk areas for theft and assault.

Dormitories have small parking lots available to residents; check at the desk. Stickers are usually issued at the beginning of each term. The Dean's office (7-133) has some stickers they will give out if you can show good cause. The Campus Activities Office handles stickers for special exceptions (W20-501). Campus Police (x3-7276) has infor-

mation on good places to park around the Institute and can issue temporary or guest parking permits.

During the winter, snow removal is slow and inefficient, especially on the weekends; side streets often don't get plowed. There are also emergency parking bans on many major streets during snow storms. If you park in the street, be sure you are familiar with the regulations which apply to that location.

If your car is parked in Cambridge, make sure that you will know if any official "snow emergency" is declared. At such times all parked cars must be removed from Memorial Drive and other locations marked by a red-and-white "Snow Emergency" sign. You can use the Westgate West parking lot overnight, but you must move your car in the morning. The 24-hour Cambridge parking ordinance is enforced during snow because it is easy to determine how long you have been parked.

Radio stations WEEI, WCAS, WBZ, WHDH, WRKO, and WCAP will broadcast announcements of emergencies. (See **Radio** in **Media**.) Also, you can call the appropriate municipal Departments of Traffic and parking. In Cambridge the number is 498-9042.

If you live in an apartment, your landlord may provide off-street parking. If he promises to provide it, be sure it says so in your lease. You may be able to rent garage space nearby. (Rates run around \$25 a month.) Otherwise, you'll have to park in the street if it is legal. (In Brookline it is forbidden to park in the street overnight, so make sure you get a parking space.)

*Beacon Street is the only street in the country on which you have to back in to doublepark.*

Parking on certain Cambridge Streets is banned from 7am-10am due to Environmental Protection Agency regulations. However, cars with resident parking stickers are allowed to park on streets within one half mile of their owner's residence. Stickers are available only for cars with Massachusetts plates and cost \$3. They are available at Cambridge City Hall Annex (57 Inman Street).

*"You're driving like a maniac."*

*"This is Boston. Everyone drives like a maniac."*

— E. Segal

## Traffic

Boston traffic is heavy even during non-rush hours. During rush hours (7-9am, 3:30-7pm) and especially on Friday it becomes ridiculous. As you become familiar with the area, you should notice and use shortcuts and circuitous routes which will avoid the major jam-up areas. Example: Bay State Road is a good way to bypass Kenmore Square if you're going west from Beacon Street onto Commonwealth Ave.

WBZ (1030 AM) has regular traffic reports from a helicopter, and WHDH (850 AM) uses a plane for its Skyway Patrol. WEZE (1260 AM), WRKO (680 AM), WEEI (590 AM), WROR (98.5 FM), and others also report on traffic. All can be invaluable to someone with little knowledge of the area and a car radio.

There are some toll roads in and around Boston. Some examples are the Callahan/Sumner Tunnels (from/to the airport), the Tobin Bridge (to Revere), and the Masspike (Interstate 90). One-way tolls were recently introduced on the tunnels and the Tobin Bridge. Tolls are 60 and 50 cents, respectively. Tolls for the Masspike are assessed according to the number of miles you travel.



Many intersections which *should* have stoplights do not. Some of those that do also have pedestrian-operated lights, but watch out for pedestrians who blithely cross against the light and expect you to come to a screeching halt. The area is full of them. (MIT students are among them, as pedestrian behavior at 77 Mass. Ave. illustrates.) Watch also for pedestrians crossing at any random point, which happens most frequently around a college (such as MIT), but is pandemic.

Boston drivers are unbelievably bad, even for a large American city. On any given day you can see the entire repertoire of wrong turns, U-turns, nerve-wracking lane changes, light crashing, weaving, speeding (too fast or too slow), plus some new tricks, such as charging up the left side of the street at 60 mph in order to be able to make a left turn against oncoming traffic before the light goes red. The traffic pattern at red lights is that people keep zipping through 1½ seconds after the light turns red but don't move when it turns green for about the same time (which balances things). Massachusetts has one of the lowest fatality rates in the country but may be #1 in "fender-benders."

## Buying A Car

Buying a car is often a person's first big purchase, and, if not careful, can easily become a person's first big monetary mistake. Whether buying a new or used car, you should first look at three publications. First, read the April issue of **Consumer Reports** (available in the Humanities or city libraries), which compares all current models (repair records, how well they survive crashes, how well they handle, etc.), and gives specific recommendations for new and used cars. Second, buy the current copy of **Edmund's** car price guide for the type of model(s) you are interested in. (There are price guides for American, foreign, economy, large, and used cars.) Edmund's car price guides detail all list and dealer cost prices for cars, as well as all options. Edmund's also includes specifications, list of standard equipment, warranties, some gas mileage figures, and some photographs. Finally, before even considering walking onto a car dealer's lot, read **Don't Get Taken Every Time** by Remar Sutton. Despite the hokey title, this really is an outstanding book. Remar Sutton, a former car dealer himself, details *everything* you need to know (in a very readable fashion) to insure you get a good deal.

**New Cars:** Take time to shop around and be prepared to bargain with the salesman; his first price usually isn't the best he can offer. Prices tend to be up to 30% lower in the suburbs. It is possible to buy a car and have it registered in your home state (if you're not from Massachusetts), thereby saving the sales tax (5%) and excise tax (2.5%). This may affect insurance rates, which are discussed later.

**Used Cars:** Be doubly careful. Used car dealers are generally disreputable and overpriced; national dealers are not much more reputable than local dealers. Instead of buying from a dealer, check *Tech Talk*, the *Phoenix*, and the *Globe* for potential sellers. (Buying from a stranger is risky, but not so much so as purchasing from an experienced salesman.) If you *do* buy from a dealer, first consult the Better Business Bureau.

## Maintaining a Car

Car maintenance can be a problem. Many garages are shady if not outright dishonest. Find a reputable garage and stick with it; ask someone who has been around for a while. There are several tire companies in the Cambridge area that sell tires at large discounts; watch for ads in the MIT newspapers. **Good News Garage** (46 Landsdowne St., Cambridge, 354-5383) offers auto repair courses and will rent its facilities for do-it-yourself repairs.

There are many car washes in the Boston-Cambridge area. **Allston Car Wash** (434 Cambridge St., Brighton, 254-3200), **Lechmere Auto Wash Centers** (262 Msgr O'Brien Hwy. Lechmere Sq., Cambridge, 864-3667; 2013 Mass. Ave. Porter Sq., Cambridge, 547-1368), and **ScrubaDub** (239 Stuart St., Boston, 482-5457) are the closest. Services vary from do-it-yourself to auto-wash, wax, polish, vacuum and shampoo (carpet), and engine washing. Prices vary with the amount of services you want.

### Keeping a Car

Keeping your car is also a problem, since thieves abound. Boston has the highest auto theft rate in the country. Even daylight thefts are amazingly frequent; professionals can steal a car in less than five minutes. Try installing an alarm, especially if your car is new or otherwise desirable. However, be attentive to locking your car properly when you have one; car thieves listen for an alarm that indicates that the driver has left his door open. Try to park your car in a well-lit and conspicuous spot where an alarm buzzer will attract somebody's attention. Also, steering, clutch, or ignition locks will slow down (but –not stop) a thief. Contact Campus Police for more advice. They have a list of anti-theft devices with an evaluation of each one.

### Insurance

Massachusetts auto insurance seems to be in a state of constant flux. However, one thing that remains constant is the cost; it is among the highest in the nation. Insurance has changed somewhat over the past years. It has fluctuated between the “fault” and the “no-fault” systems. Your best bet for getting accurate information is to contact an insurance broker or an insurance company. Campus Police may also be helpful.

If you are insured in another state, you must have the equivalent of the minimum insurance required by Massachusetts state law. In addition, at the beginning of the new year when you renew your policy, you must inform your insurance company that your car is now principally garaged in Massachusetts. This will result in your having to pay Massachusetts insurance rates (the highest in the nation). Please note that you should give your company the name of the city you are actually living in as rates vary by city (Boston being the highest and Cambridge one of the next highest). While you might be tempted not to report to your insurance company that your car is in Massachusetts, *you would be running a serious risk*. The company would not normally catch you, but if you get into a collision, they could easily find out in the process of the investigation and refuse to pay you anything at all. Thus, you may effectively have no insurance coverage at all.

### Buying Insurance

If you were insured in another state, you will save money (cancellation fees and the like) by insuring with the same company in Massachusetts if they have agents here. Likewise, you will do well to insure with a nationwide company if you are not a permanent Massachusetts resident. Check around with a few agents and see what they have to offer, for auto rates in Massachusetts are fixed by law.



## Registering Your Car at MIT

All student-owned cars must be registered with the Campus Police annually. In addition, out-of-state cars must be registered with local police. You can do this in the Armory on Registration Day or anytime at the Campus Police Office at 120 Mass. Ave. (W31-215). The information sheet **MIT Motor Vehicle Regulations** gives information about motor vehicles and MIT.

## Registering Your Car with the State

**Massachusetts Registration:** In order to register a car in Massachusetts you must have the required minimum insurance and pay an excise tax of 2.5% based on the value of the car. Also, cars registered in Massachusetts must pass an annual auto inspection which also includes an emissions test. Tests can be done at most service stations that have repair facilities. Emissions tests generally run by numbers on your license plate. Inspections generally run on a monthly basis.

**Out-of-State Registration:** Rules vary depending on which state you are from, but the following generally applies:

If you are from outside Massachusetts you will probably do well to keep your out-of-state registration. According to state law you must register your car within thirty days of becoming "gainfully employed" here. (Graduate students receiving a stipend or having a fellowship or assistantship may fall under this category.) Otherwise, you are probably able to keep your registration, provided you don't become a legal resident of Massachusetts. (Registering to vote or getting married may affect your status.) In any of these cases check with Campus Police or the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Questions about Massachusetts vehicle laws and regulations concerning out-of-state cars (including insurance) may be addressed to the Campus Police (x3-1212).

**Note:** A useful information sheet is included in your registration material each term.

## Foreign Drivers

Drivers from a number of countries may drive for one year in the US on an international license, which can be obtained in the home country. The end of the year is designated as the earlier of (1) the end of the academic year or (2) one calendar year from the date of entry into the US. For full details call the International Student Office (x3-3795), Campus Police (x3-1212), or the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

## Drivers Licenses

In order to get a license to kill in Massachusetts one has to go to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (North Station). If you don't already have an out-of-state license you have to take both the written test and the driving test. Otherwise, you just have to cough up the cash. After a \$35.00 fee in both cases you have a genuine Mass. license.

## Carpools

You can reduce pollution, save on gas and other expenses, and perhaps make some friends if you join or organize a commuter carpool. The classified ads in *Tech Talk* and the Planning Office (x3-5831) are handy for locating rides/riders.

## Renting a Car

Most companies require a major credit card and won't rent to anyone under 21 (25 at airport locations), but several nearby agencies will rent on a cash basis to students 18 and over with an MIT ID. All require a valid driver's license.

Shop around for the best deal since rates vary considerably. Which agency can offer the lowest price depends in part on when and where you're travelling, how long you'll be gone, and how many miles you'll be driving. Some offer week-long, weekend, or overnight rates, some have unlimited free mileage, and some restrict travel to within New England. For a short trip, a cheap "rent-a-wreck" from a small, local firm may be all you need, while you may want to rent from a reputable national agency for a long journey. With a national company, you can leave the car at a distant point although usually this is prohibitively expensive. In general, the places closest to MIT (including branches of national agencies) have the lowest rates, airport locations the highest, with Hertz and Avis the most exorbitant. The agencies listed in the chart on the following page all have competitive rates, are convenient to MIT, and will accept cash with an MIT ID. If none of these is what you want, there are more than a dozen pages of rental listings in the **Yellow Pages**.

Before you sign any rental agreement, **read it** thoroughly. Check who else is authorized to drive the car and make sure the odometer reading written down is correct and that any damage to the body of the car has been noted. People have rented cars with



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Budget Vans 350 Mass. Ave. 547-4970	daily: \$35.00 25¢/mile weekend: \$49.95/day 35¢/mile	\$13.00/day to waive \$1500 deductible	21 w/major credit card or Sears c.c. or cash deposit
Dollar Rent-a-Car 1651 Mass. Ave. (Quality Inn, near Porter Square) 354-6410	daily: \$34.95 weekend: \$24.95/day (starts on Thur)	\$7.95/day to waive \$3000 deductible	18 with MIT ID Cash deposit \$75/day N.E. only
Thrifty Rent-a-Car 1201 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) 876-8900	daily: \$28.95 weekend: \$22.95/day (Thurs. thru Mon.)	\$7.95/day to waive \$3000 deductible	18 with MIT ID Cash deposit acceptable

\* Rates were checked in June 1987, but they tend to change frequently and vary seasonally. Rates printed are for mid-size cars like Chevy Citations or Chrysler K-cars. Sub-compacts are usually less expensive, though not necessarily on weekend specials. All rates include unlimited free mileage unless otherwise noted.

\*\* Waiver of collision insurance deductible is mandatory for cash transactions.

malfunctioning heaters, burned out lights, flat spare tires, and no jack, even from well known national agencies — so take the time to look over the car carefully. Don't be intimidated by an impatient sales person; you're the one who will be driving and be responsible for this many-thousand-dollar metal heap.

## Long Distance Travel

### Railroads

Trains provide a reasonably comfortable way to travel. They have enforced smoking regulations (smoking and non-smoking cars), plenty of leg room, space to walk, and snack service. **Amtrak** operates trains out of Boston to New York, Washington and points south, and to Albany, Detroit, Chicago and points west. Connections are available to the entire US from Chicago and New York.

Prices are competitive with buses. Trains to the South tend to be as fast or faster than buses; to the West, the trains are slower than horses. Scheduled travel time to New York is about 5 hours although they tend to run late, particularly during holidays.

Amtrak trains leave Boston from South Station (MBTA Red Line) and from Back Bay Station, 145 Dartmouth St., behind the John Hancock Tower in Copley Square (MBTA Green Line). During holiday seasons trains can be standing room only, and it is always easier to find a good seat at South Station than at Back Bay. For information call Amtrak (1-800-872-7245) or South Station (482-3660). Schedules change every 2 or 3 months.

*I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read on the train.*

— Oscar Fingan O'Flahertie Wills Wilde

### Buses

There are only two bus terminals in Boston: **Trailways** (Atlantic and Summer Sts., Boston, 482-6620; MBTA: South Station) and **Greyhound** (10 St. James Ave., Boston, 482-7838; MBTA: Arlington). All other bus lines use one of these two terminals. If you don't know which company you want, call Greyhound or Trailways and tell them where you want to go; they will explain which company serves your destination. Then call the company — there may only be one small line serving a particular locality. Bus lines will take you almost anywhere on the continent, and they are the cheapest form of transportation on most routes. Don't give up trying to call Greyhound. You may think that they forgot you when they put you on hold, but generally someone will answer if you wait fifteen minutes or so. For recorded information about service to New York call 542-2380 (Greyhound) or 451-8160 (Trailways).

### Airlines

Logan Airport (Massachusetts Port Authority, 567-5400) is the eighth busiest airport in the world, handling commercial flights to everywhere in the US and many foreign cities. Travel time to Logan runs about an hour by MBTA (though it can be less) or half an hour to two hours by cab, depending on traffic conditions. Avoid the rush hour if possible. People who intend to make a reservation for a "supersaver" flight for Christmas should start in October. You can call the airlines day or night for reservations and information.



With the advent of airline deregulation, fares are changing daily. It definitely pays to let your fingers do the walking. (Toll-free numbers are listed below.) The best bets for discount fares are **Republic**, **Piedmont**, and **Midway**, although their busy lines require patience.

If you are going to New York or Washington, flying may be cheaper than you can imagine. **Eastern's** Air Shuttle departs hourly for NY; no reservations are not required. You may buy your ticket on the plane. There is a discount if you can prove you are 21 or under. **New York Air** has created a tremendous price war in this market. **Capitol** offers no restrictions for slightly higher fares.

**Note:** If you are flying a long distance and have to make a connection in New York City, make sure that you go to the airport that has the desired flight. Unlike other cities, New York has three separate airports which are quite far apart, and it is very expensive to get from one to another.

## Local Airline Toll-free Numbers

The following is a list of local toll-free (1-800) airline reservation and information numbers:

Aer Lingus	223-6537	Lufthansa	645-3880
Air Canada	422-6232	Midway	621-5700
Air Florida	292-2121	Midway Express	452-2022
Allegheny Commuter	428-5253	New York Air	221-9300
American	542-6700	NorthWest Orient	225-2525
Braniff	272-6433	Ozark	447-4427
British Airways	247-9297	Pan American	221-1111
Business Express	243-9830	Piedmont	251-5720
BWIA	327-7400	Quebec Air	361-4940
Continental	451-0442	Ransome	345-4321
Delta	523-7777	Republic	441-1414
Eastern	732-3860	TWA	221-2000
El Al	223-6700	TAP Air Portugal	221-7370
Empire	448-4101	United	241-6522
First Air	468-8292	US Air	428-4322
Gull Aire	222-4855	Western	843-9378
Ibreia	221-9471	World	772-2600

Other toll free numbers may be obtained by dialing 1-800-555-1212 (the toll-free directory-assistance number.) Capitol's Boston number is 720-3414.

*A major cause of traffic accidents in Boston is two cars trying to hit the same pedestrian.*  
— Anonymous

## Automobiles

If you own a car, driving can be the most convenient way to get where you're going. However, if you are traveling alone, driving can be extremely expensive and tiresome. Riders and drivers can find each other through the APO ride board opposite 7-133. Want ads in *Tech Talk* and *The Boston Phoenix* also work.

If you don't own a car and can't get a ride with someone else, renting a car may be the least expensive, most convenient option. See **Renting a Car** earlier in the chapter.

One way to get a car for a long distance trip is to call one of the auto delivery services listed in the Yellow Pages under Automobile Transporters. They have cars that need to be taken to many parts of the country, and they will pay some expenses.

### Travel Services and Agents

There is no official group at the Institute that arranges charter or group flights for students traveling during vacations. The **MIT Quarter Century Club** (x3-7914), serving the entire MIT community, offers charter tours to faraway places. However, the trips generally last only a week. The cost includes not only air fare but also hotel accommodations and often some meals, sightseeing trips, or other extras. Of course, there is a plethora of outside agencies offering wonderful bargains, but not all these firms are reputable. You should check with the Better Business Bureau if there is even any question. Often you can save some money by checking with the airlines or a reputable travel agency for information on night travel and special excursion fares.

There are four travel agencies that serve the MIT community:

**Crimson Travel Service** (x3-3080) at 39 JFK Street.

**Heritage Travel** (x3-7961, domestic; or x3-7964, international). The Kendall Square office is convenient.

**Raymond and Whitcomb** (x3-4438). They are an easier agency for students to go through since they will accept phone orders.

**Topaz Travel Inc.** (x3-3004) will deliver tickets to any MIT office.

Outside MIT:

**Harvard Student Travel Association** (8 Holyoke, Cambridge, 495-5230) They have a lot of international, especially European, travel information and trips. They can provide student passes and discounts, which need an International Student ID.

*I used to use cliches all the time, but now I avoid them like the plague.*

— Anonymous









# Media

*A closed mouth gathers no foot.*

— Jack Mosinger

## Radio

Boston is one of the largest radio markets in the country. The programming offered by the commercial stations is wider than what you'll find in most cities and features new music, rock, Top 40, and Muzak. Boston also has a large number of public, network, and college stations, generally commercial-free, featuring music not played by the majority of commercial stations (jazz, classical, folk, etc.) WGBH is the local public outlet. Eight college stations are listed here, mostly at the low end of the FM dial. WMBR (MIT), WHRB (Harvard), WBUR (BU), and WERS (Emerson) are the most easily received on campus.

The MIT radio station, **WMBR** (50-030, x3-4000) broadcasts on 88.1 FM to the entire Boston Area. Monthly schedules are sent out free upon request (x3-4000).

If Boston's stations don't satisfy you, or if you are homesick, you can listen to numerous out-of-town AM stations at night. Continuous news can be heard on WCBS (880kHz) and WINS (1010) from New York or WBBM (780) from Chicago. Top 40 booms in on WLS (890) from Chicago. Excellent classical music programming is on WQXR (1560) in New York. Big band music can be heard on WNEW (1130) from New York. Numerous other clear channels around the US and Canada can be heard at night; most of the powerful stations are between 640 and 900kHz, 990 and 1220kHz, and 1500 and 1580kHz. Reception, however is irregular at best. Incidentally, WBZ-AM (Boston) can be heard in 38 states at night.

## Selected AM Stations

In the following listing, the format is

**Call letters** — (Frequency in kHz) (Affiliation/Location)

\* — strong signal in Cambridge

**\*WEEI** — (590) (CBS/Boston) All news 5am-10pm; mystery, and talk all night. Patriots, Celtics. No music.

**\*WRKO** — (680) (RKO General/Boston) All talk radio. Red Sox, BC football.

**WHDH** — (850) (Boston) Popular and top 40. "Talk Net" at midnight.

**\*WROL** — (950) (Boston) Christian programming, some popular. Daytime only.

**\*WBZ** — (1030) (Westinghouse/Boston) Popular music, talk shows.

**\*WILD** — (1090) (Boston) Soul music. Daytime only.

**WMEX** — (1150) (Boston) "Favorite oldies."

**WEZE** — (1260) (ABC/Boston) "Shalom." Christian music and programs. BC and Notre Dame basketball.

**WJDA** — (1300) (Quincy) Dentist-office music. Daytime only.

**WDLW** — (1330) (Waltham) Country music, Bruins.

**\*WXKS** — (1430) (Medford) Big band. Daytime only.

**\*WSSH** — (1510) (Boston) Easy listening.

**WNTN** — (1550) (Newton) Soul. Daytime only.

**WUNR** — (1600) (Brookline) Ethnic programs, soul (midnight-3am).

*Musick and women I cannot but give way to, whatever my business is.*

— Samuel Pepys

## FM Stations

**WBUR** (90.9) interferes with reception in the BU area and on the west side of campus; **WBCN** (104.1) has its transmitter on top of the Prudential tower and can be found across the dial at times. Not all of the stations below can be found in the MIT area without at least a dipole antenna. The stronger stations are noted by (\*). Station logos are included in the description when available.

**Call letters** — (Frequency in MHz; stereo and 24 hours a day unless noted otherwise; affiliation/location)

**\*WMBR** — (88.1; 14; MIT/Cambridge) WMBR is Walker Memorial Basement Radio, staffed by students and non-MIT people. Their transmitter is atop Eastgate, the highest point in Cambridge. Music runs the gamut from new wave to rock to Indian music. Program guides are available at the station or by calling x3-4000 or dl 6731. Requests can be made at the dormline number or 494-8810. Dialing dl 150 will let you listen to the broadcast if you don't have a radio handy.

**\*WERS** — (88.9; mono, 20; Emerson College/Boston) Good jazz in afternoon, classical in evening, country, folk, some popular. Program guide available. 1000 watt transmitter.

**\*WGBH** — (89.7; National Public Radio/Boston) Classical on mornings and weekends, jazz all night. Live music (BSO, Tanglewood concerts, and New England Conservatory) and good tapes (BBC, CBC, organ recitals). Poetry, literature, public affairs. Program guide available.

**WZBC** — (90.3; mono; Boston College/Newton) Country, folk, bluegrass, rock, modern, classical.

**\*WBUR** — (90.9; Boston U/Boston) Classical 9am through 10pm; jazz at other times with news at 4:30pm and 7am. Program guide available.

**WMFO** — (91.5; Tufts U/Medford) Wide variety of programming. Guide available.

**WBRS** — (91.7; mono; Brandeis U/Waltham) Soul, mellow rhythm and blues. Some rock jazz; varies quite a bit, though. No commercials. AP news.

**WUMB** — (91.9; Boston) Boston folk, acoustic music. Some talk radio, news, and weather.

**WPRO** — (92.3; Providence) Continuous music, largely made up of popular hits from the sixties and seventies and American Top 40.

**WLYT** — (92.5; Haverhill) Popular hits of recent years with few commercials. "You'll hear more of your favorite memories on Lyte FM." Formerly WHAV.



**\*WBOS** — (92.9; Brookline) Country.

**WSNE** — (93.3; Providence) Soft rock, oldies.

**\*WCGY** — (93.7; Lawrence) FM94 is "Blue Suede Radio" playing blues, mild rock, and oldies.

**WHJY** — (94.1; Providence) "WHJY — Rocking Southern New England." Breaks new music before most other stations. "Fresh tracks" program on Wednesday nights.

**\*WZOU** — (94.5; Boston) Z-94, Top 40, Known for the "Morning Zoo."

**WHOM** — (94.9; Mt. Washington) Beautiful music.

**\*WHRB** — (95.3; 18-24; Harvard U/Cambridge) Jazz, classical, folk, rock; few commercials. Big classical-music programs during Harvard reading period. Program guide available — call 495-4818. 3000 watt transmitter.

**WZID** — (95.7; Manchester-Concord-Nashua) Yet more beautiful music. "Easy listening, New Hampshire style."

**WATD** — (95.9) Folk music, town meetings.

**WSRS** — (96.1; Worcester) FM96 uses 25,000 watts to bring us still more beautiful music.

**\*WJIB** — (96.9; GE/Boston) 50,000 watts of beautiful music.

**WOKQ** — (97.5; Dover-Portsmouth) Country.

**WCAV** — (97.7; Brockton) More country.

**WJBQ** — (97.9; Portland) Hitmusic radio which goes by 98JBQ. Talkative DJs. Quite a few commercials.

**WMYS** — (98.1; New Bedford) FM98 plays softrock. : "More music, less talk."

**\*WROR** — (98.5; RKO/Boston) Musicradio format. American Top 40 twice on Sundays. Oldies on Saturday night followed by "Solid Gold". News and traffic only in the mornings. Countdown America on Wednesday night.

**WCLZ** — (98.9) Adult contemporary. Stays strictly mellow with no DJ voice over the start and end of music.

**WPLM** — (99.1) Big Band, Bruins.

**WSSH** — (99.5; Lowell) Soft hits, 95% vocal.

**WQRC** — (99.9) Still more beautiful music.

**\*WZLX** — (100.7; Boston) Classical rock. Mostly 60's and 70's.

**WGIR** — (101.1; Manchester) Rock. Too weak for stereo, but clear mono signal is possible.

**WFNX** — (101.7; *Boston Phoenix/Lynn*) Arts, entertainment, and lifestyle radio with 40 minutes of music each hour. The music is 25% new music, 40% recurrent hits, and 35% AOR. 8000 watt transmitter.

**WPOR** — (101.9; Portland) Country on FM102.

## HowToGAMIT

**WCRB** — (102.5; Waltham) BSO, Pops, and Tanglewood concerts Friday-Sunday evenings. “WCRB Saturday Night” comedy show weekly about 10:30pm, then jazz until morning. Few commercials 1-6am. Occasional simulcast with WGBH-TV.

**WGAN** — (102.9; Portland) Beautiful music. FM103 “Boston oldies.”

**\*WMRQ** — (103.3; Boston) Q-103, Easy listening rock.

**\*WBCN** — (104.1; Boston) Rock with DJ personalities. Lots of DJ voice-overs. News from the Associated Press Network.

**WFNP** — (104.5; Fitchburg) Soft rock; N104.

**WRBB** — (104.9; Northeastern U/Boston) Progressive music. Formerly at 91.7 on the dial.

**WWLI** — (105.1; Providence) Soft rock.

**\*WVBF** — (105.7; Framingham) Adult contemporary.

**WCOD** — (106.1; Hyannis) Mellow vocals, some soft rock.

**\*WMJX** — (106.7; Boston) “Magic 106” plays softrock and adult contemporary.

**WERX** — (107.1) Musicradio, going by Z107.

**WAAF** — (107.3; Worcester) Hard-core rock.

**\*WXKS** — (107.9; Medford) Kiss-108. Plays contemporary hits leaning toward dance/disco beat.

*I hate quotations. Tell me what you know.*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Television

*Television: A medium so called because so little of it is rare or well-done.*

— Mrs. Deane Binder

Clear reception of all Boston VHF channels is very difficult to achieve on campus, thanks to ghosts bouncing off the Muddy Charles. If you're seeing double on the other networks, you can try one of the more distant stations listed below; they may be a little fuzzy but will be ghost-free. For the final solution, see MIT Cable Television below.

### TV Stations

**Call letters** — [Channel/Affiliation/Location]

\* Available on MIT Cable.

**\*WGBH** — [2/PBS/Boston] Public TV. Films, documentaries, BSO concerts, experimental programs, public affairs, Dr. Who. High quality programming, no commercials. Participates in TV-radio simulcasts with WCRB-FM. They produce much of the nation-wide programming seen on other public stations.

**\*WBZ** — [4/NBC/Boston] Standard NBC fare. All night.

**\*WCVB** — [5/ABC/Boston] Standard ABC fare, some public interest programming. All night programming.



**WLNE** — [6/CBS/New Bedford MA] Standard CBS fare. All night. Some Sox.

**\*WNEV** — [7/CBS/Boston] CBS plus a bit.

**WMUR** — [9/ABC/Manchester NH] Standard ABC fare, old movies.

**WJAR** — [10/NBC/Providence RI] Standard NBC fare.

**WENH** — [11/Durham NH] Public TV, New Hampshire style.

**WPRI** — [12/ABC/Providence RI] Standard ABC fare.

**\*WFX** — [25/Fox/Boston] Reruns, movies, Fox Television (Joan Rivers).

**WHLL** — [27/Worcester] Movies, reruns.

**\*WSBK** — [38/Boston] Movies, reruns, sports, some CBS shows, Bruins, Red Sox. Independent Network News, 10pm nightly.

**\*WGBX** — [44/PBS/Boston] Education, medical, and science reports; experimental programming, language instruction. Associated with WGBH. If you missed a program on Channel 2, try 44 — it may have the same thing a few days later.

**\*WLVI** — [56/Cambridge, Boston] Reruns, old movies, Celtics, WWF wrestling.

**\*WQTV** — [68/Boston] Variety of syndicated programming.

*They say TV really is still in its infancy, which explains why you have to get up so much to change it.*

— Anonymous

## MIT Cable Television

MIT has a cable TV system with cable drops in all dormitories (except Random Hall), lobbies 7 & 10, and various other locations. The control center is located in the basement of Building 9.

Student productions are aired on channels 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. In the past they have included live and taped lectures, foreign and classic films, student projects, and rebroadcasts of commercial (usually news) programs. Earthshaking developments that the networks are carrying (space shuttle, assassinations) are routed to the lobby monitors. People interested in working on MITV should contact the Student Cable Programming Group (9-030).

MIT Cable TV also relays Boston TV channels 24 hours a day. By purchasing a cable converter and connecting it to a cable outlet, you can receive all the MIT channels and perfect reception of all stations marked with an \* above. Converters are available from the MIT Cable TV office, 9-058.

## Newspapers

*Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one lays one down without a feeling of disappointment.*

— Charles Lamb

The three daily Boston newspapers are **The Boston Globe**, **The Boston Herald**, and **The Christian Science Monitor**. The **Globe** is a liberal, Democratic newspaper. It is a local paper trying to become a national one, but it has a great sports section, and the “Calendar” section (on Thursdays) has a fairly complete schedule of events and things to do around Boston.

The **Herald** is fond of banner headlines, and tends toward sensationalism. The **Christian Science Monitor** prints news and analysis, generally of high quality, and has the most intelligent editorials of the Boston dailies. It is aimed at a national audience and is weak on local news.

**USA Today** is a national newspaper full of pretty color pictures and charts but short on any real news.

**The Boston Phoenix** is a local example of the “alternative” press. It regularly publishes “muck-raking” articles about world, national, and local affairs. Review of entertainment products and programs, complete listings of the week’s events, and some incredible classified ads are also featured. A free college market version, called **B.A.D.**, is distributed on the MIT campus on the first floor of the Student Center on Tuesdays. It has excellent listings of events about Boston.

The **Cambridge Chronicle** and other smaller weekly publications are oriented toward local communities. There are some foreign language weeklies for minority groups in Boston.

Many living groups subscribe to out-of-town newspapers as well as locals. **The New York Times** and **The Wall Street Journal** are favored since they arrive on the issue date. **The Washington Post** arrives a day late. Out of Town News Agency in Harvard Square carries a wide selection of national and international newspapers.

Finally, several political groups have weekly papers which they are continuously hawking. These are often quite biased and polemical but make interesting reading and occasionally break stories before the regular newspapers do. They sometimes ask for a donation, occasionally in an intimidating manner. The best response is often to give the paper back.

*When a dog bites a man, that is not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that is news.*

— John D. Bogart

*Agnomical* — (ag-nom-i-kal) adj. — Purposeless, aimless, without fixed intention, with no set course, pertaining to the absence of any clear direction.

— Johnson O'Connor English Vocabulary Builder



## On Campus

There are two student newspapers published at MIT. **The Tech** (W20-483, x3-1541) has news, sports, commentary, and arts reviews and is distributed on campus Tuesdays and Fridays during the school year. It celebrated a century of continuous news service in 1981. *The Tech Index*, a microform topic and person index of articles that have appeared in *The Tech*, is available, along with microforms of the newspaper, for use by the MIT community. Call *The Tech's* office for details. **Ergo** (W20-443, x2358) puts forth the objectivist philosophy and is distributed sporadically at MIT, BU, Wellesley, and Harvard. Both these papers are given out free on campus and will accept letters, articles and advertising.

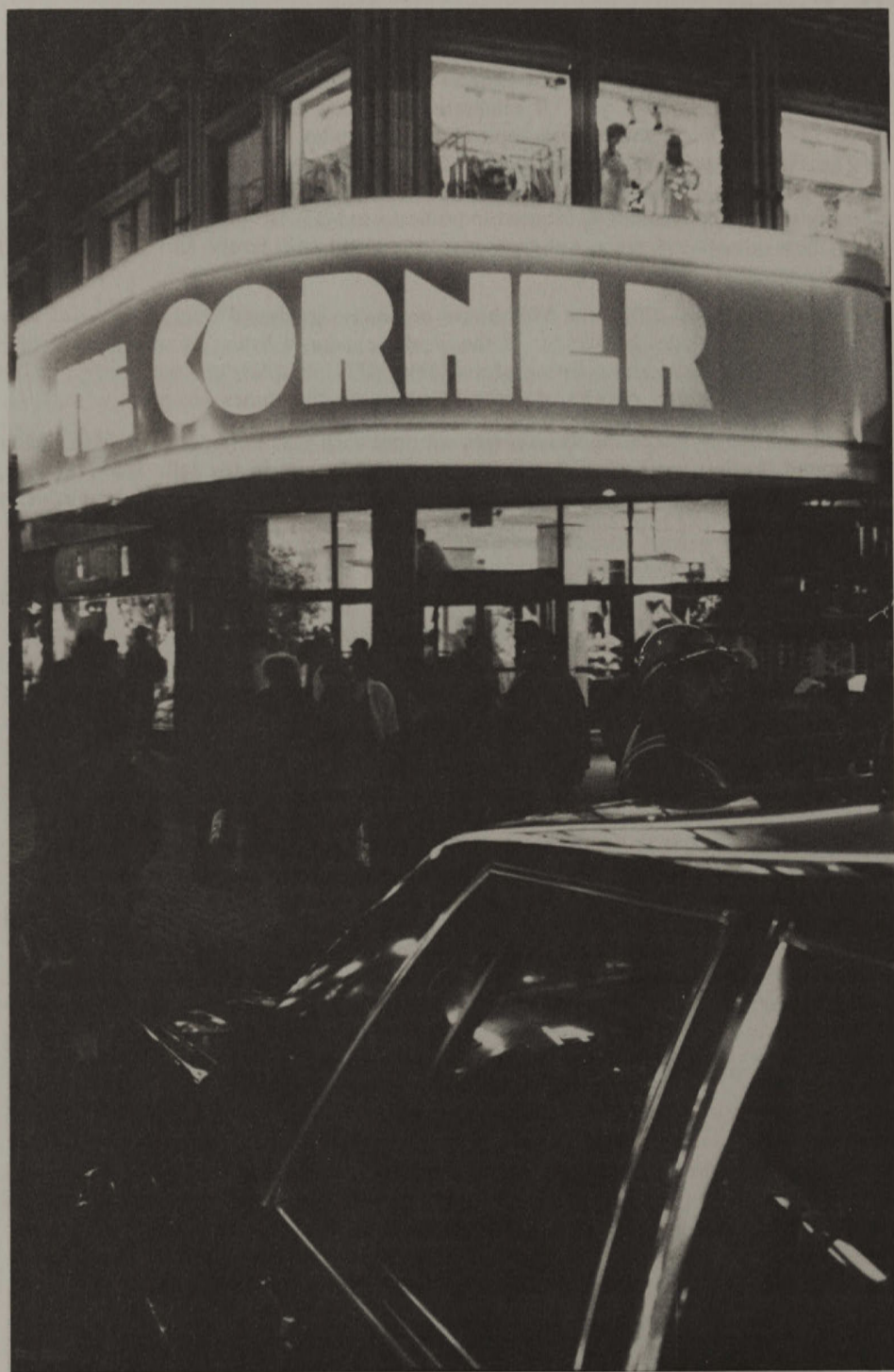
**Tech Talk** (5-111, x3-2701), the MIT house organ, is distributed free on campus every Wednesday. It includes a calendar of the week's events, a listing of seminars, feature articles, classified ads, and a listing of available MIT jobs. Ads are accepted from the entire MIT community. Articles of general interest are sometimes accepted.

The student literary magazine **Rune** comes out once each year in May. It is sold in Lobby 10 around the last week of classes in the spring and again in the fall. The yearbook, *Technique* (W20-451, x3-2980), is published each spring. It costs less if you buy it in advance. *Tool & Die* is a "humor" magazine published sporadically.

*The writer is an engineer of the human soul.*

— Stalin

*Reporter: A writer who guesses his way to the truth and dispels it with a tempest of words.*





# Shopping

You can probably buy whatever you need here in Boston. However, Boston has the dubious distinction of having the *highest* cost of living in the continental United States. In addition, Massachusetts (Taxachusetts) hits you with a 5% sales tax on everything except clothing, textbooks, and unprepared food. However, if you do your shopping carefully, you will find it no different from any other place.

## Shopping Districts

Classy, exotic, and trendy stores tend to cluster in Harvard Square, Boston's Back Bay (especially around Newbury St. and Commonwealth Ave.), and at Copley Place and Quincy Market.

Lower-priced and more pedestrian merchandise can be found in Central Square and Coolidge Corner in Brookline.

The intersection of Winter and Washington Streets (MBTA Red Line to Washington or Green Line to Park) is at the center of Boston's shopping district. On one corner is **Filene's**, another **Jordan Marsh**, and on another **The Corner** (a collection of specialty and fast food shops jammed into the Gilchrist Building). **The Lafayette Place** adjoins Jordan Marsh and has more specialty stores and fast food counters. The area is closed to cars.

**Chinatown** is found on Essex and Beach Streets, near the MBTA Essex subway station. The Italian **North End** is a large, exciting area across an expressway from the MBTA Haymarket station. Portuguese and Italian specialties and the best bargains in town are found in East Cambridge along the route of the #69 bus from Lechmere to Harvard Square.

Numerous shopping centers located along Routes 9 and 128 offer branches of Boston's downtown stores, dime stores, drugstores, and gift shops. The Burlington Mall, Chestnut Hill Mall, Natick Mall, and North Shore and South Shore shopping centers are the largest. Although far from MIT, they offer the convenience of one-stop shopping and easily available parking. **The Arsenal Mall** in Watertown, is also large and relatively closer to MIT—drive or take the Watertown bus from Central Square.

## The Harvard Cooperative Society

**The Coop** (pronounced "coop" as in chicken) has stores at Harvard Square, Kendall Square near MIT, Harvard Business and Law Schools, and the Children's Hospital Medical Center. It is a department store which specializes in books and clothing, and is ostensibly operated for the benefit of its members. If you are a Coop member a percentage (9.6% last year) of your purchase expenditures is refunded in October of the following year. The rebate for charge purchases is the same as that for cash. **Note:** Cash is much quicker for small purchases and checks are the slowest for any purchase.

**Newcomers:** Coop membership costs \$1 per year and entitles you to a rebate and qualifies you for charging privileges. Frequent sales for members add to the benefits of the charge card. Go to the Customer Service desk at the bottom of the escalator at the Kendall store to pick up an application form.





Under new management the Coop is gradually improving. The Kendall Coop has upscaled its image with moderate to higher priced clothing, a large selection of music, and beauty/health care counters. Some of the items for sale seem to belong in a department store in Downtown Crossing. However, useful material for the average student can be found on the lower floor. Other innovations include weekly outdoor sales (in nice weather, Saturdays at Harvard Square) and a larger poster department at the Harvard Square store.

## Department Stores

Many of Boston's department stores are located downtown on Washington St., in an area known as Downtown Crossing. The two largest are **Jordan Marsh** (450 Washington St., 357-3000) and **Filene's** (426 Washington St., 357-2978). Both stores are famous for their bargain basements. These are excellent places to buy clothing (see **Clothing**), towels, and curtains inexpensively. Check the Yellow Pages for suburban locations. The world's largest **Woolworth's** is also in Downtown Crossing (350 Washington St., 357-5353), as is **Sherman's** (11 Bromfield St., 482-9610), a "fine discount store" selling jewelry, calculators, large and small appliances, and luggage. They are very courteous and friendly.

**Sears** has no regular stores in metropolitan Boston, although there are several in the suburbs. There is a catalogue warehouse store (201 Brookline Ave., Boston, 536-7350) which can save you money, but Sears is very tight-fisted with copies of its catalogue.

**Lechmere Sales** (88 First St., Cambridge, 491-2000) is Boston's best discount store and often has good buys on housewares and small appliances. Take the MBTA Green Line to Lechmere, or walk (it's not far from the east side of the campus).

**Goodwill Industries** (95 Berkeley St., Boston, 357-9710; other suburban branches) and the **Salvation Army Thrift Store** (718 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 354-9519; other branches) sell used clothing and furniture.

There are two reasonably large general stores in Central Square. The **Woolworth's** (633 Mass. Ave., 876-7214) is not as large as the one at Downtown Crossing but has most "stock" items. **Friendly Family Center** (579 Mass. Ave., 547-9112) is not as well stocked but is less expensive.

**Note:** In general, large stores in downtown Boston are open late Monday and Wednesday evenings. Stores in Cambridge are open Thursday evenings. Lechmere Sales is open every evening. Most places are open 12-5 on Sundays, although smaller stores may be closed all day. Some stores have irregular hours so it's best to call for information on hours.

## Appliances

You should normally get advice from a knowledgeable person or organization before making a major purchase. The *Buying Guide Issue* of *Consumer Reports* provides very good comparative test results on various items. The magazine *Consumer Reports* is also useful, although it may be hard to find articles on the product you are buying. Both publications can be bought at the Coop or read at the Humanities Library.

**Lechmere Sales** in Cambridge offers across-the-board discounts on all sorts of items, and usually carries a large selection of well-known brands. Other good places are **Luggage Distributors** (333 Washington St., Boston), owned by Sherman's, **Commonwealth Builders**

**Supply** (375 Boylston St., Brookline), and **Sears**. The **Jordan Marsh** warehouse has monthly sales. Watch the newspaper ads and shop around, if possible.

**Note:** Wherever you shop, find out if students get discount rates. They often do, but you won't get them unless you ask for them.

American electrical equipment is made for 110-120 volts at 60 cycles per second. Such equipment cannot be used in other parts of the world where the electrical characteristics (voltage, frequency) are different unless the equipment is modified; be careful about taking your equipment out of the country. The same holds for foreign equipment brought here.

All appliances should be checked for Underwriters Laboratories (UL) certification, which guarantees that they are electrically safe.

*If all else fails, try reading the instructions.*

## Art and Drafting

**Sam Flax Art and Drafting** (675 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.) has everything you might ever need for graphic design, drafting, and fine art. They have lots of drafting tables and other furniture. All items are on a 20% cash-and-carry discount. **Charrette** (95 Mt. Auburn, Harvard Sq.) has much of the same merchandise, minus the furniture. Prices are somewhat higher unless you have a discount card.

**Lambert's** (920 Comm. Ave., Boston) specializes more in "industrial art." They have a complete line of silkscreen supplies and other graphic design equipment. Sales people are very knowledgeable and helpful.

**Harvard Square Art Centre** (17 Holyoke St.) sells all the supplies you might ever need for fine art.

**Back Bay Stationers** (711 Boylston and 542 Comm. Ave., Boston) offers an array of fine arts and drafting supplies.

**Utrecht Art & Drafting Supplies** (333 Mass. Ave., Boston) specializes in professional painting supplies and equipment.

## Books

### Textbooks

New textbooks can almost always be found at the **Tech Coop**. However, if you want to save money, check around for used texts. First, try people you know who have taken the course for which you want the book. After that try the **APO Book Exchange** (held at the beginning of the fall and spring terms), the **TCA Book Exchange** (all year round in the TCA Office W20-450), or check the bulletin boards for ads, especially after the end of a term. If you are really energetic (and particularly if you are looking for something that might be a text used at Harvard, e.g. humanities), check the **Harvard Book Store** and **The Bookcase** near Harvard Square. The Tech Coop occasionally has a few used texts from a variety of courses.

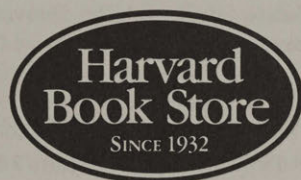




## “Oh my! We’ve grown again.”

After last spring's expansion and renovation, Harvard Book Store is ready for the school year with more categories of books, in more depth, than any other bookstore in New England. Used texts at 25% off list price, a paperback department with depth for the scholar including hard-to-find university and small press titles, used paperbacks by category and author at 50% off cover price, current hardcovers and an enviable selection of publishers' remainders.

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## New Books

**Barnes and Noble** (395 Washington St., Boston, 426-5502; 603 Boylston St., Boston, 236-1308) has fantastic discounts on dealer overstocks and seconds. Check them for textbooks. Open 12-6 on Sundays. Also stocks puzzles and games.

**Harvard Bookstore** (1248 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Harvard Square for used books, 1256 Mass. Ave. for new books, 661-1616) Large selection of paperbacks and hardbounds. Many used texts and used paperbacks at half price. The store actually has two entrances: one for new books and one for used books. Open 12-8 on Sundays.

**Harvard Coop** (1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Harvard Sq., 492-1000) Large selection of everything. "Boston's biggest bookstore."

**Lauriat's** (30 Franklin St., Boston) Good selection of hardbounds, moderate number of paperbacks, some used books.

**New England Mobile Book Fair** (82 Needham St., Newton) Excellent selection of hardcover books and paperbacks at a 20% discount. If you can get there, this is a place to go to for an experience.

**Paperback Booksmith** (753 Boylston St., Boston, 536-4433) Large selection of paperbacks. Open late and on Sundays.

**The Penguin Bookstore** (1100 Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq.) An exclusive Penguin outlet.

**Reading International** (47 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., 864-0705) Good selection of paperbacks and magazines. Open seven days and nights. Mail and phone orders.

**Temple Bar Bookshop** (9 JFK St., Harvard Sq., 876-6025) Specialized paperbacks and hardbounds. Emphasis on arts, religion, and philosophy.

**Waldenbooks** (383 Washington St., Boston, 426-7035) Large selection of books and magazines. They take phone orders.

**Wordsworth** (30 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., 354-5201) Large selection of paperbacks, all at 10% off; moderate selection of hardcovers at 15% off.

## Used Books

**The Bookcase** (42 Church St., Harvard Sq., 876-0832) Huge selection of used paperbacks and texts.

**Brattle Book Shop** (9 West St., Boston, 542-0210) A used-book lover's heaven. Over 350,000 books. Highly recommended. Just visiting it is an experience.

**Goodspeed's** (2 Milk St., Boston; 7 Beacon St., Boston, 523-5970) Good bargain tables; otherwise overpriced.

**Pangloss Book Store** (1284 Mass. Ave. Harvard Sq., 354-4003) Lots of used hardbounds, with large bargain tables downstairs.

**Starr Book Co.** (186 South St., Boston, 542-2525) Great selection of used hardbounds, reasonably priced. Highly recommended.

**Starr Book Shop** (29 Plympton St., Cambridge) Great selection of used hardbounds.



See also: **Harvard Bookstore** and **Lauriat's** under **New Books**.

## Specialty Shops

**Asian Books** (12 Arrow St., Harvard Sq., 354-0005) Just books on Asia.

**The Dawn Horse Bookstore** (99 Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Sq., 864-0099) Spiritual Literature.

**Glad Day Bookshop** (43 Winter St., Boston, 542-0144) Gay/lesbian literature.

**Grolier** (6 Plympton St., Harvard Sq., 547-4648) Poetry, small press books.

**Harvard Press** (1135 Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq.) Harvard Press books.

**Mandrake Bookstore** (8 Story St., Harvard Sq., 864-3088) Specializes in art, architecture, and philosophy books.

**MIT Press Bookstore** (292 Main St., Kendall Sq., 253-5249) MIT Press Books.

**New Words Bookstore** (186 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 876-5310) Women's books.

**Schoenhof's** (76a Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Sq., 547-8855) Foreign books.

**Science Fantasy Bookstore** (8 JFK St., Cambridge, 547-5917) Knowledgeable personnel, but you're more likely to find the book you're looking for at Wordsworth.

**Thomas More** (1350 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 547-8770) Harvard Press books.

*I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking up something and finding something else on the way.*

— Franklin P. Adams

## Building Supplies

If you are building a full scale model of the *Enterprise*, check with the Hobby Shop (W31, x3-4343). They purportedly have some special arrangements with lumber yards that are normally wholesale only. Conversely, **Central Square Hardware** (453 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) sells scrap lumber for very modest ventures. If your needs fall somewhere in between, read on.

**Sterritt Lumber** (50 Albany St., Cambridge, across the railroad tracks from the Institute power plant, 547-0040) is the only lumber yard within walking (and carrying) distance of MIT, and it is *expensive*. Deliveries cost \$10. (They're free for orders over \$100.) **Cambridge Lumber and Supply** (135 Harvey St., Cambridge, 876-4460) is farther away but has better prices and specialty lumber. **Somerville Lumber and Supply** (779 McGrath Hwy., Somerville, 623-2800) has an enormous selection of lumber and hardware and the best prices of the places listed here; it is also farthest away. Deliveries cost nothing for most purchases. **Boulter Plywood** (24 Broadway, Somerville, 666-1340) has slightly higher prices, but they take great care in precision cutting, and, unlike most places, they will cut particle board.

**Note:** As a rule, lumber prices decrease exponentially with increasing distance from MIT, and in the suburbs may run as low as one-sixth the levels in Cambridge.

**Simpson Inc.** (300 Sidney St., Cambridge, 547-8921) is a convenient source of bricks and cinder blocks as well as other materials.

*Riches are for spending.*

— Francis Bacon

## Calculators

Hewlett-Packard and Texas Instruments are the most popular brands. However, unless you are buying a programmable, state-of-the-art calculator, you can usually do better with a Casio, Omron, Sharp, Corvus, or Novus. **The Coop** offers a good selection and reasonable prices. However, **Lechmere Sales**, **Jordan Marsh**, and other department stores are frequently cheaper, so be sure to shop around. **Markline** (1 Federal St., Boston) is a discount store that sells only calculators. *Tech Talk* and the Institute bulletin boards frequently have ads for second hand calculators at giveaway prices.

**Note:** Before going out and buying the most elaborate calculator you can find, consult upperclassmen or others to determine exactly what you will need.

## Clothing

Boston's better clothing stores are along Boylston St. from the Prudential Center to the Public Gardens. Women's apparel can be found in **Bonwit Teller** (in what was an MIT building many years ago), **Sak's Fifth Avenue**, **Lord and Taylor**, and some of the smaller shops on Boylston and Newbury Streets. Men's stores include **Brooks Brothers** on Newbury St. and **Louis** on Boylston Street for elegant clothing and the **Crimson Shop** on Mass. Ave. in Harvard Square for classy styles. **Copley Place** (behind Copley Square, Boston) boasts of **Neiman-Marcus**, **Gucci**, and several other high-class and couturier shops. A fun place to window shop, but be prepared for high prices.

Clothes are sold at the large department stores downtown, including **Filene's**, **Jordan Marsh**, and **Kennedy's**. Filene's is famous for its **Bargain Basement**, where things get sent after not being sold in the store upstairs or elsewhere. Every week the price is reduced by a quarter of the original price. (The items are given away after a month.) The items sold here are often irregulars and seconds (merchandise defective in some way, often so minor you would never notice it). On busy shopping days the crowds resemble a medium-sized riot, and inhibitions disappear as people try things on in the aisles. It's worth visiting, if only for the laughs. If you shop there, be careful that what you buy isn't beyond repair. Sales on a few items are final. Jordan Marsh also has a bargain basement, though it is not nearly as rowdy as Filene's. **Note:** Be sure you know where the irregularity is before you leave the store. Often it will be minor but it is best to know for sure before wearing the item.

The shops on Charles St. at the foot of Beacon Hill, and those near Harvard Square offer far-out styles. Sports and work clothes, along with Levis and pea jackets, are available at the many Army-Navy stores dotting the landscape (cheap, but watch out for poor quality).

*It is hard to be truly excellent, four square in hand and foot and mind, formed without blemish.*

— Simonides (556 BC — ?)



**Tello's** (The Corner, Downtown Crossing) usually offers a good selection of interesting clothing at cheap to moderate prices.

Also, many stores in the Central Square area have clothes at cheaper prices than other areas. A few are **Central Surplus**, **Coquette**, **Hit or Miss**, **East India Company**, and **The Cambridge Trading Co.**

**Sears** has a surplus clothing store in Boston (401 Park Dr., near Fenway Park). **Central Surplus** (433 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge) has good prices on blue jeans and work clothes. **High Society** and **Forever Flamingo** on Newbury St., Boston and **Dazzle** (11-23 JFK, Harvard Sq., Cambridge) have punk and thirties clothes, as do a few new punk stores just opened on Mass. Ave. just before Harvard Square.

Used clothing is available almost everywhere. **Dollar-A-Pound** (200 Broadway), open Saturdays only (7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.), sells clothing in bales that are torn apart by eager bargain hunters. Various other stores are scattered around Cambridge and Boston; some are charitable, some are not.

The **Harvard Coop** has stores at Harvard Square and MIT which sell clothing and much more. Clothing quality is generally very good, and the prices are correspondingly high.

## Comics

Comic collectors will not go hungry for want of reading material here. There are essentially four stores in the area. All four get direct sales comics from all major and minor companies. **Million Year Picnic** (99 Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Sq.) has an extensive range of both new and old comics (including gold and silver age comics). Prices range from cover prices for new comics to somewhat high prices for back issues. Also, shirts, posters, buttons, comic bags and related magazines are available. Good selection, but their lack of space is a pain. **New England Comics** (139A Brighton Ave.) has a good selection of new and old comics. Comic boxes and other comic paraphernalia are sold. Back issue prices are fairly high. New comics are sold at 20% off. Both Picnic and NEC occasionally have sales on back issues that go as high as 50%, especially around Christmas. Both **Superhero Universe** (1105 Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq.) and **Newbury Comics** (332 Newbury

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St., Boston; The Garage, Harvard Sq.) have a good supply of new comics. *If* you can find a back issue at Superhero, the price will be no less than outrageous. Newbury is moving out of the old comic business. All stores have subscription services at a discount that you can use to guarantee not missing an issue. (Newbury offers 30% off new comics to subscribers.) There are numerous comic and SF conventions scattered throughout the year, with a large concentration during the fall. These conventions offer an enormous selection of comics (at decent prices), guest lectures, movies, slide shows, costume contests, auctions, and various gaming activities. **Note:** some conventions (Sunday Funnies) have only comic books, without the trimmings, while others (Boskone) are dedicated to science fiction/fantasy.

Independent distributors offer a viable alternative to collectors who collect more comics than they keep up with, don't have (or want to make) time to shop frequently, or, (if they order more than, say, \$15/month) want to save money. Be very careful with whom you deal with: shoddy companies abound. A very reputable company that gives excellent discounts is **The Westfield Company** (8608 University Green, P.O. Box 470, Middleton, WI 53562). Westfield offers discounts of roughly 33%, minus postage, on all comic items. Shipments are monthly, or can be biweekly if you order over \$40/month. Customers also receive a free copy of Marvel Age, and DC coming attractions, as well as Westfield's own friendly and informative newsletter. You have to order only a couple of weeks in advance of receipt of your order. If you can get a small group together to order over 300 comics/month, order from Glenwood. At that volume, you will get a 40% discount (minus postage) and weekly shipments. However, you will also have to order a couple of months in advance. Glenwood always gives you the *dealer's* version of coming attractions, which is usually terser with less hype. A fringe benefit of ordering from Glenwood is that you get all promotional posters free.

Write these companies for additional details (enclose a first-class stamp when writing to The Westfield Company).

## Cutlery

If you crave an interesting piece of cutlery or simply a good carving knife, **Stoddard's** (50 Temple Pl., Boston, 426-4187) is the place to go. Also try **Market Grinding Service** (70 Newbury Sq., Roxbury, 427-8138) for imported and domestic cutlery.

## Drug Stores

**Kendall Drugs**, located right in Kendall Square, gives discounts to MIT personnel on prescription, and sometimes runs discount coupon ads in the campus newspapers. **Walgreens**, which is located next to Stop and Shop, has very good prescription prices and most everything one would want in a drug store. **Pharmacy**, in Central Square near Purity Supreme, also has a large selection of items. **College House Pharmacy** is just across the Harvard Bridge in Boston. **Phillips Drug** (155 Charles St., Boston) is open 24 hours a day, every day.

The **MIT Pharmacy** (E-23) offers a selection of non-prescription drugs in addition to prescriptions, and purchases over a certain amount can be charged to your institute account. They will accept prescriptions from MIT Medical Department only.

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## Duplicating Services

There are hundreds of printers in Boston and a Xerox machine in every five-and-dime store. The places listed below are those closest to MIT. For large jobs, some shopping around is wise. For very large ones you should seek out someone knowledgeable for advice. (LSC, *The Tech*, and Alpha Phi Omega are among people you could talk to.) See the section in **Facilities on Graphic Arts and Reproduction.**

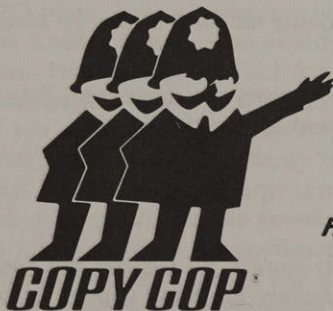
**Copy Cop** — (815 Boylston St., Boston, 267-9267) Best on exotic items: oversized and colored xeroxes, xerox reductions, copying color slides, but their prices are very high. Other places are likely to do exotic items for a lot less. Competent instant printing and binding. Weekdays 7:30am-10pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

**C. W. Beane Copy Center** (315 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 491-6869) Five blocks from MIT. Photostat, offset printing and thesis-quality copying. Weekdays 8:30-5:30, Sat 9-1.

**Copy Quik** (1230 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 864-1856). Typesetting, color copying, graphic design, laser imaging.

**Eagle Graphics** (1 Broadway, Kendall Square, 497-1696) Phototypesetting, offset printing, binding, and copying.

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Saturday 8:30-6.

**601 Boylston Street** 267-7448

(Copley Sq. at Dartmouth)  
Monday-Friday 7:30-9  
Saturday 8:30-5.

### DOWNTOWN FINANCIAL DISTRICT

**260 Washington Street** (near School St.) 367-3370

Sun 12-8, Mon-Fri 7:30-10, Sat 9-5.

**85 Franklin Street** (near Filene's) 451-0233

Monday-Friday 7:30-10, Saturday 9-5.

**230 Congress Street** (at High St.) 451-1566

**101 Summer Street** (near High St.) 350-7084

**One Beacon Street** (on Tremont St.) 227-3164

**155 Milk Street** (at Broad St.) 451-1590

Monday-Friday 7:30-9, Saturday 9-5.

**One International Place** 330-8880

Monday-Friday 8-6.

### BROOKLINE

**1295 Beacon Street** 731-6775

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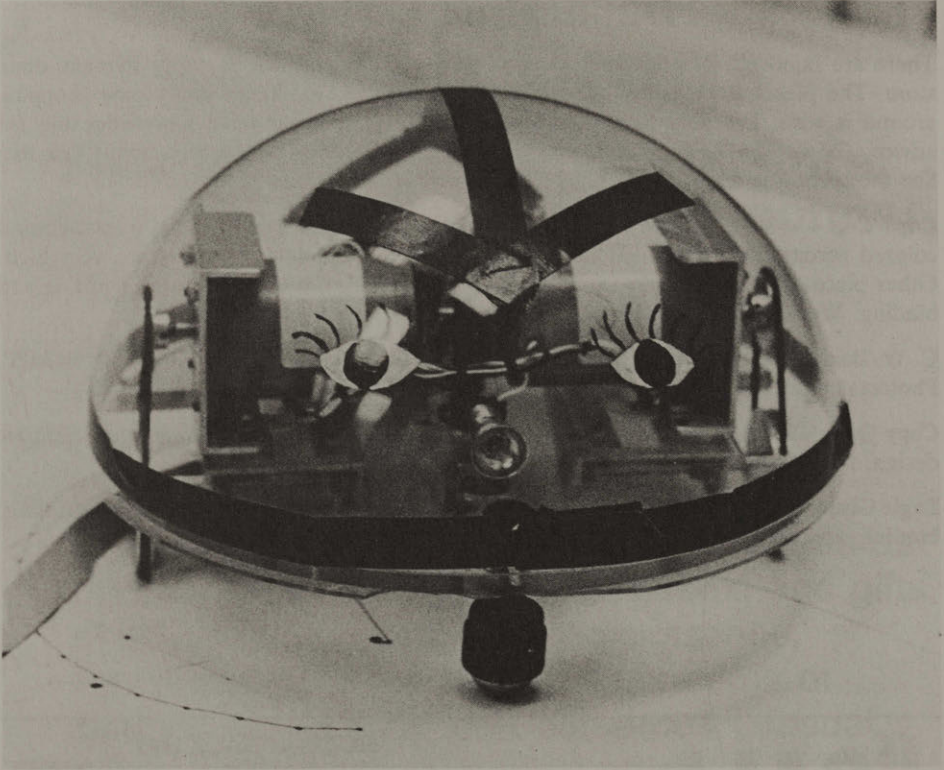
### CHESTNUT HILL

**Route 9, #1188** (at Hammond St.) 731-1909

(opposite Star Market)

Sunday 12-8, Monday-Friday 7:30-10

Saturday 9-5.



**Gnomon Copy** — (245 Mass. Ave., Cambridge & 3 stores in Harvard Sq., 492-2222) Probably the most prolific copy service in the world, with rates to match. Gnomon Press, the instant printing division, gives 2-3 day turnaround at good prices. (The quality isn't perfect, though.) Weekdays 8am-midnight, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun noon-10pm.

**Kinko's** (907 Main St., Cambridge, 497-4111; 111 Western Ave., Cambridge, 491-2859; 13 Dunster St., Cambridge, 497-0125). Mon-Thurs 7:30am-9pm, Fri 7:30am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm.

**Photo Print** — (99 Broadway, Cambridge, 876-6098) Opposite the Shell station up Mass. Ave. Full service printer and copy center.

**Spaulding Co.** — (251 Vassar St., Cambridge, 491-1230) Across the street from Briggs Field (branches throughout Boston). Complete printing and copying facilities.

## Electronics

Undoubtedly the most interesting local electronics supply store is **Eli Heffron and Sons** (139 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 547-4005). This is definitely the most popular place among MIT students for chips and other components. They have a constantly-changing inventory of surplus devices, parts, components, and junk, especially junk. Bargaining is in order on the more expensive items. The new components in their Solid State Sales division are guaranteed to work.



**Radio Shack** (551 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 547-7332; 730 Comm. Ave., Boston, 734-5855) should have a wide selection, but is often out of whatever you need. The **Electronics Research Society** (20B-119, x3-2060) has a large selection of parts for members at reasonably cheap prices. Call them for details on membership.

*Man is the only asynchronous computer that can be mass-produced by unskilled labor.*

— door in 6.711 lab

## Fabrics

You can buy fabric at wholesale prices in the fabric district (MBTA: Essex), but you should know what you're doing if you shop there. Good places to try are **Windmill Fabrics** (111 Chauncy St.) for polyesters and drapery material; **Northend Fabrics** (31 Harrison Ave., open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) for a great selection of most fabric needs, especially silks and woolens; **New England Textile** (50 Essex St.) for cottons and linens. **Windsor Button Shop** (36 Chauncy St.) is great for embroidery and quilting equipment, trims, lace, and all sorts of accessories. **DiCarlo** (15 Temple St, Boston; MBTA: Park St) is noted for high quality. **The Fabric Place** (146 Howard St, Framingham) has the largest selection of home-decorative and fashion fabrics in New England. **Chinatown** fabric shops tend to have poor quality and selection, but are good for the "3yd/\$1" type specials.

*You should never wear your best trousers when you go out to fight for freedom and truth.*

— Henrik Ibsen

## Flags

**The Flag Center** (1865 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 876-1040) is supposedly the largest flag store in New England. There is an incredible number of flags in stock and they can make custom designs on short order.

## Florists

**Mr. Ray's Florist** (403 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) is an expensive florist just four blocks north of MIT. You would do better, however, to walk further up Mass. Ave. to **Central Florist** (in Central Square), which is friendly and relatively inexpensive. **Galgay the Florist** (757 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) is fancier and more expensive. **Kendall Square Florist**, by the Kendall T stop, is an award-winning FTD florist and delivers in the Greater Boston area. Harvard Square's lush **Brattle Street Florist** (31 Brattle St., Cambridge) never has an imperfect flower — if you can find one, they'll probably give it to you for half price. If you need an FTD florist, try **Kupersmith Florist** (8 Brattle St., Harvard Sq.). **Faneuil Hall Flower Market** in Quincy Market, near MBTA Haymarket, is open 24 hours every day. They have a very large selection of fresh plants and flowers. Prices are higher than the other places but the flowers are of higher quality. **Winston Flowers** (131 Newbury St., Boston) offers a magnificent selection of rare and imported flowers and plants, with prices to match. There is also a very small flower shop in **Stop & Shop** which offers a smaller selection of flowers and plants.

## Food

The closest grocery stores to MIT are **Purity Supreme** in Central Square, **Stop and Shop** on Memorial Drive near the BU Bridge and in Charles River Plaza in Boston near the Longfellow Bridge. **Star Market** is at the Prudential Center, in Boston, and Porter Sq., Cambridge, near the T stop. **Johnnie's Foodmaster** is on Broadway, just over the Somerville line.

On campus, small grocery stores are operated by the residents of Eastgate and Westgate apartments. The Westgate and Eastgate stores are open to the public seven days a week. Prices here, however, are usually higher than at the large supermarkets, and the selection is very limited, although it has been improving.

There are three big chain supermarkets in the area: **Stop and Shop**, **Star Market**, and **Purity Supreme**. Competition among them is keen, and if you live near several of them, you should consult the newspapers for the weekly specials. If you want to cut costs you should be attuned to the likelihood that the supermarket down the road will sometimes sell meat more cheaply than the one across the street although vegetable prices may be better at the latter. Also, Stop and Shop offers double the value on coupons. Stop and Shop and Star Market have the advantage of staying open late on evenings; check **Late-Night Shopping** for info. Certain Stop and Shop stores have delivery service (unlike the one on Memorial Drive) and Star Market delivers but not to Cambridge. Most chain stores will cash personal or payroll checks once you get a courtesy card from their customer service desks, a process which takes about three weeks. There is often a trivial charge (20 or 25 cents per check) for this service. Stores have different limits on personal checks they will cash, the average being about \$35 not more than once a week. The limit on paychecks often runs quite a bit higher.

Small grocery stores are distributed throughout residential areas. They often have higher prices than big stores have. The service and quality start at adequate and can build impressively as you get to know the owners. Some stay open until odd hours (11 pm or even later) and many are open on Sundays. Quite a few of them deliver on telephone orders, a useful feature for dormitory groups and large apartments. Branches of **7-11** and **Store 24** are located in Central Square and many other areas.

## Cooperatives

Cooperatives have been springing up all over the area. The basic idea is that a group of people can pool their food orders and buy things wholesale in order to cut costs. Many of the larger cooperatives are block cooperatives, though there are some that are larger still and some that operate out of churches or community centers. Ask around among your neighbors if you want to get into one. The **Cambridge Food Coop** (Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 661-1580), located several doors in the MIT direction from Purity Supreme in Central Square, is a full-line supermarket that is also open to the public. Membership is easy to get and requires working a few hours a month. Organizational memberships are available. The **Boston Food Coop** (449 Cambridge St., Allston) is nonprofit and member operated, with a full line of food (meats, cheese, veggies, etc.). They also feature craft fairs, a free clothing exchange, and nutritional info.



## Haymarket Open-Air Market

There is an open-air market in the Dock Square area of Boston, next to the **Haymarket** MBTA station and immediately north of Faneuil Hall. A few merchants operate there Thursday through Sunday. Friday and Saturday the place is jammed with people. Fresh fruits and vegetables can be bought there very cheaply, especially if you get to know one or two merchants well.

**Advice:** Prices vary from booth to booth. The general rush makes moving from place to place extremely difficult, so comparison shopping is a tough job. In general, the booths on the fringes of the area will have higher prices because they can count on receiving business from those not hardy enough to wade in the general fray.

Quality can be wonderful, as will become obvious when you see the beautiful displays of fruit and vegetables in the front of every cart. However, merchants normally pick your items from a big box or bag (or the back of the display) which does not necessarily contain food as good as that which is on display. So watch carefully and don't let him fill up your bag without your seeing what's going in there. Be sure to check the merchandise before paying and walking away; often you can exchange bad produce.

There are wholesale-retail meat stores in the buildings alongside the market, in Quincy Market, and around Faneuil Hall which sell at very low prices, but don't have unreasonable expectations; the things selling for 49 cents a pound are *not* filet mignon. Once you build up a relationship with some of the butchers, you can get excellent bargains, but until then you should watch what you're getting very carefully. If you want good meat, you'll have to pay for it. During the summer it is best to frequent the merchants who have good refrigerated rooms.

There are also grocery, cheese, canned goods, leathercraft, and other types of stores around the area. **Al Capone's** is an especially wonderful place to buy cheese of all sorts at low prices. It's at 72 Blackstone Street.

Watch your wallet or pocketbook. Pickpockets love crowds and are out in force on Fridays and Saturdays.

Haymarket is open from 6 to 6 on Fridays and Saturdays during the fall and winter. During the summer the hours get somewhat longer. The above hours are the official ones; merchants who haven't sold out by 6 sometimes stay until 9 unless the weather is very bad. Prices get lower as closing hour approaches, but the advantage of shopping late is dubious since the merchandise is often poorer and has already been sitting out there for as long as 12 hours.

Haymarket offers prices that are about half those of supermarkets and is a very entertaining way to shop. If you can spare the time and effort and don't mind crowds, you should certainly get over there at least once to sample this holdover from colonial times.

## Foreign and Specialty Foods

There are food markets in Boston catering to all ethnic, religious and socio-political tastes. The following descriptions provide a brief introduction to the facilities available.

For Chinese and Southeast Asian foods, go to Chinatown in Boston (MBTA: Essex); you'll find a complete selection of foods and spices as well as cooking utensils. **Eastern Market** is the best place to communicate in English; it has good-quality food and a clean

(if dull) atmosphere. Dozens of “Mom and Pop” style groceries dot Chinatown’s streets; they have all sorts of exotic goodies that Eastern Market lacks. Beware: Some of these tiny stores aren’t very big on cleanliness, and Asian food-packaging companies often aren’t too clean either. **Yoshinoya** (Prospect St., Cambridge, half a block from Mass. Ave.) has an incredible selection of Japanese foods — fish fresh enough to eat raw, seaweeds, weird veggies, and more than thirty kinds of crackers. It also makes sushi three or four days a week for take-out.

Two of the many Greek and Middle Eastern stores are **Samos’ Market** (221 Broadway Boston, in the South End) and **Tripolis Fruit Store** (133 Harvard Ave., Allston). For Italian specialties you can try **A. Baldini & Co.** (27 Portland St., Boston) or just wander into the North End of Boston (immediately east of Government Center) or up Cambridge St. in Cambridge. The North End has many pastry shops and shops where you can get coffee beans, olives, and noodles. Two notable shops in the North End are **Dairy Fresh Candies** (57 Salem St., Boston) and **Trio’s Ravioli Shoppe** (222 Hanover St., Boston). **Cardullo’s Gourmet Shop** (6 Brattle St., Cambridge, Harvard Sq.) has a good selection of Indian, Mexican, Scandinavian, Japanese and many European regional foods, but it is very expensive. **Savonor’s Market** (92 Kirkland St., Cambridge) has a variety of interesting foods, including a good Jewish Challah.

Cheeses are available from a variety of stores, including the one mentioned above under the open-air market. The prices tend to run high. It is not unusual to pay \$4.50 a pound (or more) for really interesting cheese. The best places to buy them are **The Cheese Shop** (102 Tremont St., Boston), the **Wine and Cheese Cask** (407 Washington St., Somerville), Haymarket, and the North End of Boston. The worst places to buy them are in fancy shops around Harvard Square and other *haute couture* areas; the price differential is quite large.

Organic and natural foods can be purchased at several stores set up specifically for that purpose. The nearest one to MIT is **Lee Nutrition** (290 Main St., Kendall Sq., 661-9600), a natural rip-off joint; it has some “interesting” food! One great deal at Lee is the yogurt prices. **Bread and Circus** (115 Prospect St., 492-0070) is a fairly flashy store with a large selection. Another place is **Nature Food Stores** (714 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, a block past Central Sq.). **Erewhon Trading Company** (342 Newbury St., Boston, 1731 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) has a large selection with reasonable prices and sells grains and beans in bulk although the service is pretty snobby if you are not a regular customer. **Boston Natural Food Co.** (154 Newbury St., Boston) is a good place for spices and canned “health foods” but not for grains. **Organic Food Cellar** (297a Newbury St., Boston) has a good selection and reasonable prices. Other local stores are **Cambridge Health Foods** and **Cambridge Country Store**, both on Mass. Ave. in Cambridge past Harvard Square. Fresh vegetables are best purchased at Haymarket, and many local groceries have good stocks of vegetables, nuts and beans. There are also macrobiotic restaurants; some are listed in the **Restaurants** chapter. The Westgate store carries some natural foods.

Spices and herbs can be found at various locations in the regular supermarkets (such as Savenor’s, above), in the several foreign food stores, and at the nature and organic food stores. Two examples of the latter are **Attar** (31 Putnam Ave., Cambridge) and **Erewhon** (discussed above). Also, there are established spice and herb stores such as **Cambridge Country Store** (1759 Mass. Ave., Cambridge; 588 Comm. Ave., Boston; 42 Charles St., Boston) and **G. S. Cheney and Co.** (7 Union St., Boston).



Kosher foods are available from several locations, most of them on Harvard Ave. in Brookline. **Kupel's Bake and Bagel** (419 Harvard St., Brookline, 566-9528) is the best bakery in the area. They are open Saturdays. **Rubin's Kosher Delicatessen and Restaurant** (500 Harvard St., Brookline, 731-8787) is the closest thing to a New York deli in Boston. They are closed Saturdays. **The Butcherie** (428 Harvard St., Brookline, 731-9888) is one of the larger kosher supermarkets and butcher's. Most supermarkets have a small Jewish section. The bagels and chocolate chip cookies in the **24-Hour Coffeehouse** (Student Center) are kosher. Ask at the Hillel Office (x3-2982) for specific information.

Fresh fish can be found in the North End of Boston, notably at **Guiffre's Fish Market** (50 Salem St., Boston). **Folsom's Seafoods of Boston** (162 Mass. Ave., Boston) has a large selection of very fresh fish and take-out fish plates. In Central Square, **Atlantic Seafood** has very high prices and quality only slightly better than neighboring Purity Supreme Supermarket. **Bill the Fishman** (59 Prospect St., Central Sq.) has the lowest prices around. **Legal Seafood** (Kendall Sq. and other locations), in addition to the restaurant, also sells fresh fish, although prices and selection tend to vary. There are also fish vendors at **Haymarket** on Fridays and Saturdays.

## Bakeries

Bakeries tend to cluster in ethnic areas. Italian ones can be found in Boston's North End and in Cambridge along Cambridge St. **Royal Pastry Shop** (738 Cambridge St., Cambridge) and other bakeries near there have delicious breads, cakes, and other goodies. Jewish bakeries are centered on Harvard Ave. near Coolidge Corner in Brookline. Bakeries in Chinatown sell meat-filled pastries as well as sweets. For excellent French breads **Au Bon Pain** (Quincy Market, Boston; Prudential Center, Boston; Harvard Sq., Cambridge) is very, very good (good service, bad French accent).

Bakeries in the Harvard Square area generally specialize in pastry. Of note are **Blacksmith House** (56 Brattle St.), **Sage's Bakery Kitchen** (60 Church St.), and the **Bagel Bin** (1105 Mass. Ave.). **Baby Watson** (The Garage, 36 JFK St.) specializes in overpriced cheesecake.

The best bagels, among other things, in the area come from **Kupel's Bake and Bagel** (419 Harvard St., Brookline, 566-9528). They have been rated "Best of Boston" several years running. Another bagel-bakery favorite is **Bruegger's** (83 Mt. Auburn, Cambridge) in Harvard Square.

**Quincy Market** also features a variety of bakeries and pastry shops.

The closest places to MIT to buy fresh doughnuts are **Dunkin Donuts** (616 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge), **Harvard Donut Shop** (647 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.) and **Topp's Do-nuts** (795 Main St., Cambridge). The **24 Hour Coffeehouse** on the second floor of the Student Center sells donuts as well.

A close place to buy cookies, **Grandma's Cookie Factory** (988 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) has many kinds of cookies baked fresh on the premises. **David's Cookies** (18 Brattle St., Harvard Sq.) has good (overpriced) cookies.

Groups of ten or more people can have bread delivered wholesale from **La Ronga** (599 Somerville Ave., Somerville, 776-2832), **Quinzani** (380 Harrison Ave., Boston, 426-2114), or **Green-Freedman** (75 Old Colony Ave., So. Boston, 269-4700).

## Liquors, Beers and Wines

There are many liquor stores in the Boston area carrying the popular brands of beer and liquor along with some assortments of wine. Prices vary, but the larger stores generally have lower prices. Some grocery stores and most of the larger supermarkets also sell alcoholic beverages, notably **Purity Supreme** in Central Square and **Stop and Shop** near the BU Bridge.

In order to buy liquor in Massachusetts, you must prove you're 21. The regulation is randomly enforced, but things get noticeably tighter around election time.

The following stores either have convenient locations or above average selections and service.

**Brookline Liquor Mart** (1354 Comm. Ave., Brookline, 734-7700) offers a good selection of wines with low prices and helpful salespeople. Credit cards accepted.

**Cave Atlantique** (34 JFK St., Harvard Sq., 492-1780) does its own importing, resulting in substantial savings on Spanish sherry and other selections.

**Harvard Provision Company** (94 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, off Harvard Sq., 547-6684) has a pretty good selection of all sorts of drinks. Free parking, free delivery, credit cards accepted. There is an ice machine outside operating 24 hours a day.

**Harvard Wine and Liquor Co.** (Coolidge Corner, Brookline, 277-9000). A fine selection of wines. The proprietor is an old MIT grad with a thorough knowledge of wines, which he shares generously with bewildered novices. Credit cards accepted. The place is headquarters for wine-lovers' organizations.

**Libby's Liquor Market** (575 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge, 354-3678). Convenient location, reasonable selection. Good prices, sometimes undercuts Warehouse.

**Marty's Liquors** (170 Canal St., Boston, 523-6263) has lots of unadvertised discounts.

**Martignetti's** (1650 Soldier's Field Road Extension, Brighton, 782-3700). The world's largest liquor store. A huge selection of anything ever fermented or distilled. Low prices, free parking.

**Savor's Liquor Mart** (100 Kirkland St., Cambridge, 547-7300). Good selection and knowledgeable assistance. Credit cards *not* accepted, *no* delivery. Part of the Savor's Supermarket complex.

**Warehouse Liquors** (45 Commercial St., Cambridge, 354-0488). The lowest prices in Massachusetts, generally.

**Wine Cask** (407 Washington St., Somerville, near Inman Sq.). Good selection of wine and cheese. Knowledgeable and helpful salespeople.

*'Tis not the drinking to be blamed, but the excess.*

— John Selden

## Soft Drinks

You can order Coke, Fresca, Sprite, Tab, and Fanta (root beer, orange, ginger ale, and grape soda) from the **Coca-Cola Bottling Company** in Needham Heights (449-4300). The minimum order for free delivery is 10 cases, not necessarily all the same beverages. Note:



This bottler no longer sells soda in the "classic" 10 oz. bottles. When ordering, make sure you mention that it is for a dorm or living group; they don't deliver to individuals.

**Pepsi-Cola** and **Mountain Dew** (254-2400) and **Canada Dry** (890-2200), **A & W Root Beer** and **7-Up** (444-3100) can also be delivered.

## Framing

**Frameworks** (Mass Ave., Cambridge near Porter Sq.) is a do-it-yourself frame shop. They provide materials and advice; you do the work and save about half the cost of custom framing. **Harvard Square Art Center** (17 Holyoke St.) does excellent framing, although turnaround is one week. **The Coop** at Harvard Square does custom framing, but prices can be high and the wait long. Do not even attempt to go near the framing desk on a Saturday, the lines are usually atrocious.

## Furniture

There is a tremendous turnover of furniture in the Boston area, especially at the beginning of the summer. If you go about it correctly, you can furnish an apartment quite cheaply. You can also be assured of being able to resell once you have finished with it.

In addition to the ever-present bulletin boards and *Tech Talk* classifieds check the **MIT Women's League's Furniture Exchange**. It's located at 25 Windsor St. in Cambridge and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Used furniture is bought and sold here. Call x3-4293 for more information. **Goodwill**, the **Salvation Army**, and several stores near Porter Square also sell used furniture, though nowhere near as cheaply.

One option is to make what you need. Check the **Door Store** (940 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) for furniture components, **Ray's Foam Mattress and Cushion Co.** (26a Otis St., Cambridge) and **Brighton Upholstering Co.** (201 Msgr. O'Brien Hwy., Cambridge) for foam rubber, and **Plywood Ranch** (107 First St., Cambridge) for wood. (See also **Building Supplies**.)

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There are various furniture stores scattered from Central to Harvard Squares. A store in nearby Central Square is **Cambridge Unfinished Furniture** (1453 Mass. Ave., Cambridge). Check the listings under Furniture, Furniture-rental, and Furniture-used in the *Yellow Pages* for listings of stores. Avoid stores that specialize in package deals, use high-pressure sales tactics, or have contracts including hidden costs. Be doubly cautious when renting furniture. Most rental firms are more expensive than is reasonable.

## Haircutters

Prices for men's haircuts range from \$6 for a ROTC cut at the **Tech Coop Barber** (Student Center) to \$20 at one of the fancy salons on Newbury Street. Women's haircuts usually cost even more.

One place many MIT students swear by is **Manseur's** at 231 Newbury St., Boston. Haircuts here are \$17-\$20 for men and \$25-\$30 for women. However, coupons in coupon books distributed to students often cut down on these prices. **Elias Hair Care**, (497-1590) just up Mass. Ave., is friendly and costs \$18, \$16 with student ID. Watch for their discount coupons in campus papers. **The Grand Strand** (543 Mass Ave., Cambridge, 354-0298) is also very good and costs only \$9. **Stephan Coiffeur** (257 Newbury St., Boston) features cutting, perming, color and nails.



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**Diego at The Loft** (143 Newbury St., Boston, 262-5003; 57 JFK St., Harvard Sq., 661-7660) has a cutting school, which offers professional styling for under \$6, one night per week. At all other times, Diego is a super-chic clip joint. **Esquire Barber Shop** (90 Mass. Ave., Boston, 536-6113; 1199 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 354-8747) gives a \$7 haircut in a real barber shop, not a "salon". If you are daring, you might try **Mass. School of Barbering** (1254 Washington St., Boston), which is cheap (\$4.00 for shampoo & cut) and often good.

*Only a mediocre person is always at his best.*

— Somerset Maugham

Some other places are **Carmen's Barber Shop** (783 Main St., Cambridge) and **Kendall Barber Shop** (Kendall Sq., Cambridge next to Post Office). They are inexpensive and do a fairly good job. **Bojack's LTD Hair** (56 High St., Boston) is about \$15 for a good haircut. **Diego at the Loft** (143 Newbury St., Boston, 262-5003) is expensive (\$25 or more) but gives very good haircuts. **Harrington's** is another good place at slightly expensive rates located on Newbury St. **John Dellaria Salons** (33 Newbury St., Boston; 623 Comm. Ave., Kenmore Sq.) are expensive but give a reliable hair cut. The same is true for **Advantage** (1 Arrow St, Cambridge, 868-5355) located in Harvard Square.

## Hardware

There are hardware stores all over the Boston area, with industrialized Cambridge having more than its share. We shall satisfy ourselves with a listing of the nearest ones.

**Dickson Bros. Hardware** (26 Brattle St., Cambridge, 876-6760). Multiple levels with good selection and very helpful service. Watch out for Harvard Square prices, though. Free delivery.

**Central Square Hardware and Tool Rental** (453 Mass. Ave., Cambridge). You have not truly experienced claustrophobia until you have squeezed your way in there. In addition to an impressive collection of standard hardware, they carry metal bookshelves, unfinished furniture, housewares, mirrors, and scrap lumber. True to their name, they also rent tools. Prices are variable.

**Pill Hardware, Inc.** (743 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 876-8310). Good selection, knowledgeable assistance.

Other interesting stores in the vicinity are **Inman Square Hardware** (1337 Cambridge St., Cambridge) and **Mills Hardware** (1076 Cambridge St., Cambridge), which are both near Inman Square, and **Economy Hardware** (351 Mass. Ave., Boston), near Back Bay.

## Jewelry

The best deals on jewelry can be found on Washington and Winter Streets (MBTA: Washington). The largest selection of jewelry stores is here, and the department stores (Filene's, Jordan Marsh) have jewelry departments too. **Long's** (next to Jordan Marsh) and **Robinson & Co.** (329-331 Washington St., 227-4739) both have large selections and courteous salespeople. For "real" jewelry, try **Shreve, Crump & Low** (330 Boylston St., Boston), which has a well-respected name. **Tiffany's**, in Copley Place, is very expensive, but nice for window-shopping. **Details** (40 Brattle St., Harvard Sq.) has a wide selection of jewelry, candles, and soaps. **L'Étoile** (One Kendall Square, Cambridge) sells unique jewelry and exotic gifts.

## Late Night Shopping

For night owls, there are several outlets open late or all night. (See also **Restaurants**.) If you are in doubt, it is a good idea to call first.

**Phillips Drug Co.** (155 Charles St., Boston, just across Longfellow Bridge). Drugs, newspapers, some food, some other items. The *only* all-night drugstore in the area.

**Gnomon Copy** (1304 Mass. Ave., Cambridge). Xeroxing, photo-offset, open 'til 1 am. (319 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) Open 'til midnight.

**7-11** (750 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.). A grocery store open 24 hours a day, high prices.

**Stop and Shop** (757 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, past BU Bridge; Church Park, Boston, near Symphony Hall). Supermarket, open until midnight weekdays, noon-6pm Sunday.

**Purity Supreme** (Central Sq., Cambridge). Supermarket open 'til midnight; the Newton branch (647 Washington St., Newton) is open 24 hours a day, from noon Sun. to midnight Sat.

**White Hen Pantry** (371 Comm. Ave., Boston). Groceries and deli. Always open.

**Christy's** (49 Berkeley St., Boston). Large grocery. Always open.

**Store 24** (1717 Boylston St., Boston; Kenmore Sq.; Coolidge Corner; Central Sq.; Harvard Sq., corner B'way & Prospect St., Cambridge; others). Usually open 24 hours every day. A miscellaneous collection of trashy items and a few groceries at arbitrarily inflated prices.

**The Growers Market** (889 Memorial Dr., Cambridge). Plants and flowers. Open 7 days a week until 7 pm.

**Strawberries** (30 JFK St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge; 750 Memorial Dr., Cambridge; 522 Comm. Ave., Boston; 709 Boylston St., Boston; 411 Washington St., Boston). Records, tapes, books. Open until 10 pm weekdays, midnight Fri and Sat.

**Paperback Booksmith** (25 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge). Books. Open 'til 1 am weekdays, 'til 2 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Commonwealth and Granby Gulf Service Station** (605 Comm. Ave., Boston, near BU). Always open.

**Takis Shell Service Station** (Mass. Ave. & Main St., Cambridge). Almost always open.

**Merit Gas** (287 Prospect St., Cambridge). Always open.

## Music Stores

The closest music store to MIT is E. U. **Wurlitzer** (Mass. Ave. & Newbury St., Boston). It is usually crowded, but prices on most instruments, especially recorders and guitars, are lower than list prices, and the merchandise is generally very good. **Beacon Musical Instrument Co.** and **Boston Music**, both on Boylston across from the Common, have large selections of most instruments at higher prices. Beacon is connected to **Carl Fisher**, which is the largest seller of sheet music in Boston. A smaller selection of fine woodwinds and some guitars are sold at **Rayburn's** (263 Huntington Ave., Boston). **Briggs & Briggs** (1270 Mass. Ave.) and **The Instrument Exchange** (1908 Mass Ave.), both near Harvard Square,



have even higher prices than the downtown stores although the Exchange has an excellent repair service. **The Record Garage** (12a Eliot St., Harvard Sq., behind Coolidge Bank) gives good deals on guitars and amps and often carries used Martins for under \$350. Other places to try are the ads in *Tech Talk* and the *Yellow Pages* for specialized dealers.

## Photography

**SBI Sales Co.** (50A JFK St., Harvard Sq.) is a favorite among MIT students. Film is cheap and they discount Kodak processing. They don't sell cameras, but do sell most accessories. **Ferranti-Dege** (Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq.) sells all equipment and does its own processing at fairly high rates. **Colortek** (Newbury St., Boston and Kendall Square, Cambridge) does excellent in-house processing at reasonable rates, with turnaround often no longer than overnight.

## Plants

**Petal Pushers** (846 Mass. Ave., Cambridge), which once specialized in small exotic flowering plants, has reasonable prices and gives free diagnoses of plant ailments. Dozens of other plant stores can be found in Harvard Square and on Newbury Street in Boston, all with cute names and outrageous prices. **Stop and Shop** (727 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, past BU Bridge) sells inexpensive greens that are occasionally brown.

**The Growers Market** (889 Memorial Dr., Cambridge) has a large selection and is reasonably close, and if a large selection at a higher price is OK, the **Faneuil Hall Flower Market** is supreme.

In **The Corner** (on Washington St.) is the **Corner Plantshop**. Plants are inexpensive though there is a limited choice. Delivery costs are high — bring a friend to help you carry the plants home.

The best way to adopt a plant is to take a cutting from a friend's plant or read the ads in *Tech Talk* and on the bulletin boards. The **Arnold Air Society** has a plant sale in Building 10 lobby every fall, but the prices are unreasonably high. **MIT Women's League** also has a plant sale early in October on the steps of the Student Center; the prices are usually reasonable. Also, the plants used on stage at Commencement are sold immediately afterwards in Lobby 10.

## Records

Your rebate considered, the **Coop** is one of the cheapest places to buy records (especially during their frequent 20%-off sales). The Harvard Coop has the *largest* collection of records in New England, the Tech Coop isn't small either. The classical compact disc (CD) selection at Harvard is excellent. **Tower Records** (corner of Mass. Ave and Newbury St., Boston) has a great selection of music in CDs, records and tapes. It's a nice place to browse even if you don't plan on buying anything. **Strawberries** (30 JFK St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge; 750 Memorial Dr., Cambridge; 522 Comm. Ave., Boston; 709 Boylston St., Boston; 411 Washington St., Boston) and **Lechmere Sales** (88 First St., Cambridge) also have excellent prices and good selection. **Newbury Comics** (332 Newbury St., Boston; The Garage, Harvard Square) has the best selection of hard-to-find records, both domestic and import. Their CD's are often discounted. **Boston Compact Disc (BCD)** (548 JFK St., Harvard Sq.) has the most complete and up to date selection of CD's. They will play

anything before you buy it, as well as let you look at the little book. However, prices are a little high. **Good Vibrations** has a large selection of records, tapes and videos. There are many locations around the Boston area. (487 Harvard St., Brookline; BU Bookstore in Kenmore Sq.; Marshall Plaza on Needham St., Newton).

**Discount Records** (18 JFK St., Harvard Sq.) and **Music City** (27 Brattle St., Harvard Sq.) both have a large selection and moderate prices. Discount Records has friendlier service.

Used records are frequently a good deal. **Figaro's Record Shop** (1154 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) specializes in used classical records and scores. Prices are low, and you can listen to your record before you buy it. Figaro's also sponsors concerts, which are announced in the store. **Zounz** (848 Boylston St., Boston) and **Bojo Records** (52 Boylston St., Cambridge) sell used jazz recordings. **Deja Vu** (1105 Mass. Ave., Cambridge; 151 Mass. Ave., Boston) sells all types of used records and cutouts.

**Cheapo Records** (645 Mass Ave., Central Sq.) has new and used records. The used records are of all types and are inexpensive. They are also potluck. The records are sometimes in very poor condition. The new records are very expensive.

## Shoes

Boston is the middle of a shoe manufacturing area being smothered by a flood of imports. You will find no lack of places to shop; where you go will be a matter of personal taste and budget. There are stores of various types on Mass. Ave. in Central Square, and plenty of fashionable shops in Harvard Square and along Winter St. in Boston.

**Florsheim, Thayer, McNeil** (350 Boylston, Boston, 267-0023) has very good shoes at slightly high prices.

**Rosenberg's** (538 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge) has good and relatively inexpensive shoes.

**Tello's** (The Corner, Downtown Crossing) has shoes at discount prices, although the selection varies.

You can try **Filene's, Jordan Marsh**, and stores of that type also. As long as you are not shopping at the factories you will find most stores have comparable prices. **Mary Jane's** (467 Washington St., Boston) and **Baker's Shoes of Cambridge** (751 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) have inexpensive shoes, but the shoes are not of high quality. **Zodiac USA** (176 Newbury Street, Boston) has the largest selection of boots in Boston. **The Wild Pair** (17 Winter St., Boston) caters to the earthy college look. **TAHA** (727 Boylston St., Boston; 1312 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) tends more toward the chic preppy look. Men's shoes can be found at **French, Shriner and Uner** (201 Alewife Brook Pkwy., Cambridge, across from Fresh Pond Mall). This is by no means a complete list, but if you head in these directions you will be guaranteed to find more shoe stores around.

North of Boston are many factory outlets offering discount prices; check the *Yellow Pages*. **Hyde Factory Outlet** (535 Windsor St., East Cambridge) has good buys on athletic equipment (skates, cleats, running shoes, etc.). For custom-designed footwear try **Tisdell's Sandal Shop** (1160 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) and **First Settler Workshop** (118 Blackstone St., Boston).



The nearest shoe repair places are in Kendall Square and on Prospect St. in Central Square. **Charlie The Tech Tailor** (Student Center) also does shoe repairs. In addition, there is a store in **Lafayette Place** (Downtown Crossing) that does repairs on the spot.

## Skin Care

**Sasha Skin Care** (The Galleria, Harvard Sq.) offers body massage, facial treatment, make-up instruction and application, body waxing, and many other skin care treatments. **Total Skincare Clinic** (1018 Beacon St., Brookline 566-7280) offers American and European facials, waxing, brow shaping and most other services. **John Dellaria** (623 Comm. Ave., Boston, 262-8750) has a recently expanded skin care salon.

## Specialty Stores

Stores offering a wide variety of merchandise and services can be found in a few special shopping centers:

**Faneuil Hall** features trendy shops and pushcarts offering a wide selection of novelty items. Not a very practical place for serious shopping, but fun to browse around and a well-known tourist landmark.

**The Galleria** (Harvard Sq.) has several trendy and expensive shops, as well as the **Janus Cinema** (see **Things to Do**).

**The Garage** (Harvard Sq.) features shops and fast food places. Trendy, and with prices to match.

**Copley Place** (Copley Sq., Boston) is Boston's newest shopping landmark, and caters to an upscale clientele with such names as Neiman-Marcus, Gucci, and Godiva Chocolatier. It's very expensive, but interesting to look around.

**The Corner** (Downtown Crossing, Boston) features clothing, a large selection of fast food, and a few interesting novelty shops.

**Lafayette Place** (adjoining Jordan Marsh, Downtown Crossing) features specialty shops and all sorts of fast food counters.

*Originality is the art of concealing your sources.*

— Franklin P. Jones

## Sporting Goods

**Herman's World of Sporting Goods** (6872 Summer St., Boston) has everything you could ever need, although it is somewhat generic. **Brine's Sporting Goods** (Harvard Sq.) sells all sorts of equipment at reasonable prices. **Eastern Mountain Sports** (141 Commonwealth Ave., Boston) carries mainly outdoors equipment at somewhat high prices. **Central Surplus** (433 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.) has lots of equipment, too.

## Stamps and Coins

Boston has a concentration of dealers around Bromfield St. Also try **Jack Molesworth** on School St. and **S. L. Stone's** on Washington St., both in Boston. One of the friendlier ones is **J. J. Teaparty** on Bromfield St. And MIT has a Numismatic Society.

## Stationery

**The Coop** has adequate selection of stationery, including MIT notebooks. Not very cheap. **University Stationery** (311 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 547-6650), located three blocks from MIT, has a large selection of stationery and some computer supplies. Reasonable price. For generic and basic stationery, try discount stores like Woolworth's or Walgreen's. They often have a small, but cheaper, selection of items.

## Stereo Equipment

Experience has shown that salespeople at stereo stores are more than willing to lie to make a sale. Remember that there are many MIT students that are *real* experts. A novice should check around his/her living group before buying anything. Never buy without comparison shopping and never tell salespeople that you are just shopping around — they'll refuse to give their best prices to protect their competitors' "lowest price around" guarantee. Whenever you're told a "rock bottom dealers' cost," remember that that is still at least a 100% mark-up. Local dealers should give a full "buyer protection" warranty. Watch for discontinued lines, which are always good buys. *Remember:* it should sound good in your own listening environment, not the store's.

**The Tech Coop** offers a limited, but good quality, selection of CD and stereo equipment. It might be wise to check out these just to get an idea of prices and what features you want.

**Tweeter, Etc.** (874 Commonwealth Ave., Brookline; 102 Mt. Auburn, Harvard Sq.) is the most reputable dealer in the area in terms of firm establishment. However, the salesman are pushy and not too knowledgeable.

**Goodwin's Music System** (16 Eliot St., Cambridge) will allow you to listen to almost anything in the store.

**Q Audio** (95 Vassar St., Cambridge) has an attitude that it would be so good if they took your money. Nevertheless, they do buy and sell used equipment. **Encore! Audio** sells quality equipment. Trade-ins are welcome.

*Out of the strain of the Doing, Into the peace of the Done.*

— Julia Louise Matilda Woodruff

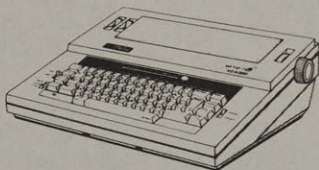


## Typewriters

Typewriters can be purchased at local department stores (**Lechmere Sales** is recommended for their low prices and selection). **Martell Typewriter Co.** (216 Broadway, Cambridge, 876-3515) does its own repairs on all makes of typewriters. One of the better places for repairs is **University Typewriter Co.** (90 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge). They guarantee their work, are friendly, and also carry typewriters and supplies. **Wyatt Typewriters** (226 Harvard St., Brookline, 232-7660; in Coolidge Center) sells, rents, and repairs typewriters. They also have typewriter supplies.

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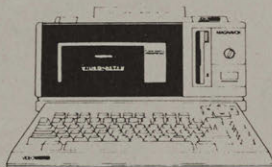
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# Things To Do

This section is a partial guide to the facilities available for enjoying yourself in and around Boston and MIT. Boston has so much to offer in the performing arts, movie theatres, coffeehouses, restaurants, and music that there is never any excuse to be bored around here.

*Now the world has gone to bed,  
Darkness won't engulf my head  
I can see by infra-red  
How I hate the night*

*Now I lay me down to sleep  
Try to count electric sheep  
Sweet dream wishes you can keep  
How I hate the night*

— Marvin the Paranoid Android

## Resources

*The Boston Phoenix* is hawked on the streets each week. It has complete listings of the week's events, information on things going on in Boston, and extensive criticism and reviews of entertainment products and events. Also, the *B.A.D., Boston After Dark*, (from the *Boston Phoenix*) is distributed free each week. Look for it in Lobby 7, at the front desk in your dorm, and in the Student Center. '*Calendar*', published in the Thursday *Boston Globe*, also has excellent listings.

There are several guides to Boston available from travel agencies, most hotel lobbies, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and other groups. A wide variety of topical (e.g. dining out) and general guidebooks of Boston and Cambridge are available at most bookstores. The **I LOVE BOSTON GUIDE** by Marilyn Appleberg, available at the Coop, is an excellent one to buy. For free maps, brochures on most tourist attractions, and information on current happenings in the city, visit one of the following information booths. The greater Boston Convention and Visitors' Bureau operates the **Boston Common Information Kiosk** on the Common near the Park St. T station. It is open daily 9-5 and located at the start of the Freedom Trail. You can also stop by their headquarters at the plaza level of the Prudential Plaza, or call them at 536-4100 for information. Another conveniently located center is the **National Park Service Visitor Center**. It is located across from the Old State House on 15 State St. and the phone is 242-5642. The center operates 7 days a week from 9-5. It is close to the State St. T Station. A third center, run by the Commonwealth Dept. of Commerce, is good but open only weekdays 9-5. You can phone them at 727-3201 or visit them at 100 Cambridge St., 13th floor, MBTA: Bowdoin.

The **Events Line** (267-6446) is a recorded listing of upcoming cultural events in the greater Boston area.

The SCC recently revived a telephone service number, **Partyline** (x3-3942), with a recording of current information on parties and various activities around campus. Call early in the week (Mon.-Wed.) to give them information about *your* party. A student, Andrei

Saunders, has taken over this service, and publishes a flyer each week or two called **Troel's Partyline** which appears in lobby 7, 10-250, and living groups.

Other colleges in the area often have parties that are well worth going to, and it's often very pleasant to meet people who come from other schools and have different backgrounds from those students we associate with here every day. The best way to find out about parties at other schools is simply to keep an eye on the bulletin boards around campus, especially the UA board in Lobby 7.

*This town of Boston is becoming a Hell on Earth, a City full of Lies and Murders and Blasphemies; a dismal Picture and an Emblem of Hell.*

— Cotton Mather, 1688

## Sightseeing

One of the best and most popular ways to become familiar with the sights of Boston and to brush up on your American history is to walk the **Freedom Trail** or follow the "big red stripe down the middle of the sidewalk." The tour will lead you from the Common to the Bunker Hill Monument. Along the way, you will see 17 historical sites — the State House, Park Street Church, Granary Burying Ground, Kings' Chapel, site of the first Public School, the Old Corner Book Store, Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Boston Massacre site, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, the Paul Revere house, Old North Church, Copps' Hill Burial Ground, U.S.S. Constitution, and Bunker Hill Monument. Many of the sites close at 4:30 pm so start at least 3 hours before then to allow enough time. The trail starts at the Boston Common, near Park St. T Station. Then, just follow the red path. It's a good idea to stop at the Information Kiosk and get a guide and a map, but it will cost you \$1. Most of the attractions are free, but a few of the major sites will charge a slight admission fee.

On the Freedom Trail: The **Boston Common**, bounded by Boylston, Charles, Beacon, Park and Tremont Streets, is the oldest public park in the U.S. You can no longer graze your cow there if you have one, but it is a pleasant grassy park filled with a random assortment of people and activities every day of the year.

Free tours of the gold-domed **State House** (727-3676) on Beacon and Park at the edge of the Common are given Mon.-Fri. 10-4.

**Old South Meeting House** (310 Washington at Milk St.; 482-6439; MBTA: State) is one of Boston's three remaining 18th century Anglican churches. It is now a National Historic Landmark. The Boston Tea Party began at "Old South." Hours: 10-6. Admission: Students, 75¢.

The **Old State House** (corner of Washington and State; 242-5655; MBTA: State), the center of colonial government, is the city's oldest surviving public building, now a museum of Boston's history open to visitors. Hours: 9:30-5. Admission: Students, 75¢.

**Quincy Market** and **Faneuil Hall** (MBTA: Government Center) are a great mix of old and new on the Freedom Trail. These newly refurbished structures are now the greatest place on earth to be with a full wallet and an empty stomach. These buildings now accommodate booths and booths and booths of food, food, and more food as well as lots of cute shops. A native Bostonian once said that Heaven smells like Quincy Market, and this statement has never been disputed. Faneuil Hall houses Durgin Park Market



Dining Room, which is a historical sight itself. Most shops in the Marketplace are open Mon-Sat 10-9 and Sun 12-6.

*I have never let schooling interfere with my education*

— Mark Twain

**The Paul Revere House** (19 North Square in the North End; 523-1676; MBTA: Haymarket), built in 1676 and now restored to its original appearance, is the oldest dwelling in Boston. Hours: Daily 9:30-5:15 (4:15 winter till April 15). Admission: \$1.50 adult, \$1.00 student (with ID).

**The U.S.S. Constitution** (426-1812; MBTA: Haymarket, then take the #92 or #93 bus to Charlestown City Square) is the world's oldest warship. It is on the Freedom Trail but located in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Hours: 10-4 daily. Admission: Tours of the ship are free. Also in the Navy Yard is the U.S.S. Constitution Museum, (open 9-5 daily), which does have a \$2.00 admission fee.

**Bunker Hill Monument** (242-5641; MBTA: Community College on the Orange line) is at the end of the Freedom Trail. The 221-foot landmark is free to anyone interested in climbing 294 stairs. It offers a great view of Charlestown, Boston, the Harbor, and the rivers. Hours: 9-4:30 daily. Admission (to the adjacent museum): \$1.50.

**The Black Heritage Trail** is another do-it-yourself walking tour of Boston. This one explores the history of Boston's black community. The tour starts at the **Museum of Afro-American History** on Smith Court, 46 Joy Street on Beacon Hill, and ends at Dudley Station. Get a map from the Museum (742-1854) or from the National Park Service Visitors' Center.

The newest walking tour of Boston is the **Harborwalk**. It is similar to the Freedom Trail, but the Harborwalk follows a blue stripe and focuses on the city's maritime past. It begins at the Old State House and ends at the Boston Tea Party Ship. Free maps are available at the Boston Common Kiosk or the National Park Service next to the Old State House.

If it's a view you're looking for and not a tour, climb a building. MIT's Green Building isn't the only tall building with a view. **Prudential Tower** or "the Pru" (800 Boylston; 236-3318; MBTA: Prudential) is 52 stories of glass and steel. For \$2.00 (\$1.00 student w/ID) you can get a 360° panoramic view from the 50th floor observation deck. With pay telescopes, you can see New Hampshire and the White Mountains on a clear day. Hours: Mon-Sat. 10-10, Sun. 12-10. Several blocks away at Copley Square is the **John Hancock Observatory** (247-1977; MBTA: Copley) — New England's tallest building. Designed by an MIT graduate, it won national attention for losing nearly all of its huge windows. The observatory deck, in addition to its lofty view, has a fascinating narrated exhibit of Boston in the Revolutionary war. Admission is \$2.25 with an MIT ID. Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-10:15pm, Sun 12-10:15.

## Other Areas Worth Touring:

Just west of the Common, across Charles Street, is the 24 acre **Public Garden**. Here, visitors will find many labelled trees, rare flowers, lots of birds, and a pond. In the summer, for 90¢, you can ride on the swan boats in the pond. It's a wonderfully romantic way to be silly. In the winter, bring your skates and enjoy some outdoor skating.

The **City Hall** at Government Center (725-3914; MBTA: Government Center) in the heart of Boston is an unusual and striking architectural creation. Tours are given weekdays, but be sure to call for a time.

*The Boston State House is the Hub of the solar system. You couldn't pry that out of a man if you had the tire of all creation straightened out for a crowbar.*

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

The **Christian Science Center**, just southwest of the Prudential, is a collection of modern buildings associated with the “Mother Church” of this religious group as well as the central offices of the world-famous *Christian Science Monitor*. Tours of the buildings are given when they are not in use, and the reception given to non-members is low-key and friendly. Of special note are the Mapparium, a huge stained glass globe which allows you to view things “from the center of the earth,” and the Sunday School, an unusual architectural work. The **Christian Science Center** is just a walk down Mass. Ave. at Mass. Ave. and Huntington. Call 262-2300 for information and hours.

**Copley Place** (MBTA: Copley) is a beautiful mall complete with marble floors, a waterfall, and stores that are too expensive for anything but browsing (Nieman-Marcus, Tiffany, and Godiva Chocolate, to name a few).

**Back Bay** was once a swamp sewage trap filled in over 100 years ago to produce 580 acres of residential area. The broad, straight avenues actually have some order (alphabetical) over here! The **Back Bay Fens** (near Fenway Park, Simmons College, the Museum of Fine Arts) is a nice park with ducks to feed (and very polluted water). **WARNING**—this is not a safe place to be wandering at night. There are also some Victory Gardens left over from World War II, which are still maintained by private citizens. Boylston Street has many boutiques and other stores, and Newbury Street is a quiet and shaded avenue with art galleries, restaurants, and more boutiques. Commonwealth Avenue between Mass. Ave. and the Public Garden is a divided roadway with a shaded mall down the middle. The Boston bank of the Charles River is great for picnics and sunbathing. The tree-lined **Esplanade**, a long string of linear islands, is great for walking trips and relaxation. During the summer, the Boston Pops and other groups give free concerts from the Hatch Shell there.

Slightly further west, at the intersection of Beacon Street, Comm. Ave., Brookline Ave., and three other streets is the driver's nightmare called **Kenmore Square**. It is built up and is becoming more so, with shops ranging from hamburger joints to boutiques and nightclubs. It's a nice place to visit on foot if you like watching crowds of people, and especially if you like watching drivers have hysterics.

Yes, Boston has a **Chinatown**, America's third largest. It is located between Beach, Harrison, Tyler, and Hudson, and it's a great place to eat or visit.

## And, here in Cambridge . . .

**Harvard Square** has the most visual appeal for a walking tour, with huge crowds of all descriptions, a tremendous variety of stores, and solicitors of all (and we do mean all) types looking for your support. The architecture around Harvard is interesting too, ranging from staid Colonial to futuristic. The banks of the Charles are pretty pleasant here, with a lower pollution level than around MIT and big grassy areas on either side.



Tour **Harvard** yourself or pretend to be a prefrosh and take a structured tour from the Holyoke Information Center, 1350 Mass. Ave. (495-1573). They also offer tours for the general public twice daily (10am and 2pm) Mon.-Fri., and one at 2pm on Sat. This is the office to approach for a (free) map of the Harvard campus.

Also visit the **Cambridge Common**, between Harvard and Radcliffe. Washington took control of the Continental Army here in 1775. There are often free impromptu concerts on the **Cambridge Common** between Harvard and Radcliffe. During the summer, concerts are sometimes held there Sunday at 2 pm.

**NOTE:** A word of caution regarding walking tours. Boston is a big American city and therefore has some dangerous neighborhoods. Roxbury, Mattapan, part of Dorchester and the South End, and the areas around Northeastern University (south of Symphony Hall) at night are bad places for anybody to be. The North End of Boston, Charlestown, and South Boston are dangerous for minorities and nonconformists after dark. Certain sections of Cambridge are also pretty grubby, though not so bad as some of the preceding areas. *Don't* go wandering off into unknown neighborhoods unless you know what you are doing. This warning applies especially to foreign students and staff who may not be used to the concept of dangerous neighborhoods in a city.

There are many bus and boat tours of Boston which are good for orientation, fun, and when parents come to town. See the Yellow Pages under "Sightseeing Tours" for more information.

## Museums and Exhibitions

Boston is richly endowed with museums. One of the most comprehensive museums is the **Museum of Fine Arts** (465 Huntington Ave., Boston, by the Fenway; MBTA: Arborway Green Line). This museum boasts one of the finest collections of Oriental art in the Western world, excellent selections of Mediterranean and Renaissance art, and some fine French impressionistic works. The museum also has impressive collections of American art, notably the works of Winslow Homer and colonial artists. It even has a reconstructed Byzantine chapel with uncomfortable pews in which one can sit and hear recorded Gregorian chants. There are often special showings, for which you must pay extra, of selected classical and contemporary artists in some of the more secluded galleries. The museum also holds concerts, films, lectures, classes, and children's events. This museum is worth repeated and thorough trips. The suggested procedure is to choose some small area and examine it at leisure and then shift to others on succeeding trips. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10-5, Closed Mon. Admission: free with an MIT student ID; for others: \$5.00, free Sat till noon. Recorded information is available at 267-9377 (ANS-WERS), or try 267-9300, x363 for more information.

The **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** (280 The Fenway, one block from MFA, 566-1401; MBTA: Brigham Circle) is patterned after a sixteenth-century Venetian palace. It was once the home of the flamboyant Mrs. Jack Gardner and is stocked with her collection of nearly 200 pieces of Renaissance Italian art, with a scattering of items from other lands and periods. The artworks are placed in strange combinations and juxtapositions and are often poorly-illuminated — her will stipulated that *nothing* be changed. The collection includes paintings, sculpture, tapestries, textiles, furniture, ceramics, and rare books and manuscripts. There is a beautiful indoor garden growing all year at the core



of the building. An excellent series of chamber music concerts is given Tuesdays at 6 pm, Thursdays at 12:15 and Sundays at 3 pm. Museum hours: Wed-Sun 12-5, Tues 12-8. A contribution of \$2.00 is requested. Call 734-1359 for recorded information on upcoming concert programs.

**The Institute of Contemporary Art** (955 Boylston St., Boston, 266-5151; MBTA: Auditorium) sponsors exhibitions by contemporary artists, lectures and special events like children's art shows. Hours: Wed-Sun 11-5, Fri 11-8. Admission: \$2.50, \$2.00 for students, free Fri. 5-8.

*Science proceeds more by what it has learned to ignore than by what it takes into account.*  
—Galileo

**The Museum of Science** (Science Park, on the Charles River Dam between East Cambridge and Boston, 742-6088; MBTA: Science Park) exhibits objects of a scientific bent, notably a step-by-step model of an appendectomy, a beehive, an alcohol cloud chamber, and strobe displays. Recently opened is the Theater of Electricity, containing two megavolt Van de Graaf generators. MIT students get in exhibits free with MIT ID. The renowned **Hayden Planetarium** is also part of the museum. Hours: Tues-Thurs 9-5, Fri 9-9, Sat-Sun 9-5, closed Mondays except holidays. For planetarium star shows, add \$1.50 for everyone. For the newly opened **Omnitheater**, add \$5.00. The museum is always looking for student volunteers — for more information call 723-2500.

**The New England Aquarium** (State St. at Atlantic Ave., on the waterfront in Boston, 742-8870; MBTA: Aquarium) has impressive marine exhibits, including an enormous cylindrical tank with glass walls 2½" thick in which sharks, groupers, sea turtles, and other large marine life live together, calmly ignoring the stares of visitors. Hours: weekdays 9-5; Friday 9-9; Sat, Sun, and holidays 9-6. Admission: \$5.50 for adults, \$4.50 for students with ID, with \$1 discount on Fridays from 4:30-9. Dolphin/sea lion show daily. Group rates offered.

Following the milk bottle shaped signs downtown should bring you to the forty-foot Hood Milk Bottle (where you can buy ice cream and frozen yogurt) and to **Museum Wharf** (300 Congress St., Boston, 426-8855; MBTA: South Station), the home of a rather unusual museum. **The Children's Museum** is designed to let children 2-12 learn about the world around them through "hands-on" experience. Here, the curious can learn about other people in other cultures, wildlife inside and outside the city, and even (gasp!) computers. Hours: Tues-Sun 10-5, Fri 10-9. Admission: adults \$4.00, children \$3.00, Fri night free.

**The Boston Tea Party Ship Museum** (Congress Street Bridge; 338-1773; MBTA: South Station or via the free Tea Party Courtesy Shuttle from the Old State House) is a full-sized working replica of the Beaver II, one of the ships raided by the colonial "Indians" in the protest against British taxes. Hours: 9-6. Admission: \$2.75 adult/\$2.20 student.

At the **Bunker Hill Pavilion** (55 Constitution Road, Charlestown; 241-7575; on the Freedom Trail), the Battle of Bunker Hill is recreated through sight, sound, and other theatrical effects. Hours: 9:30-4. Admission: adults, \$1.50; students, \$1.

Across the BU Bridge, and very near the ZBT fraternity is the **John F. Kennedy Birthplace** (83 Beals St. 566-7937; MBTA: Coolidge Corner). Admission: 50¢ Hours: 10-4:30 daily. This restored house should send just about everyone's family through oceans of nostalgia. If you wish to learn more about the Kennedy family, however, the JFK library is out in Dorchester. Call 925-4567 for current information.



**Harvard University** has eight museums in Cambridge. The first four are part of the same complex, which has an admission charge of \$2.00 adult/\$1.50 student, free Sat 9-11. Following are brief descriptions, which in no way do justice to the museums. All are fascinating and merit repeated visits.

1. **Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology** (Oxford St. and Divinity Ave., 495-2248) is an anthropological museum with many Indian artifacts. Hours: Mon-Sat 9-4:30, Sun 1-4:30.
2. **Mineralogical Museum** (495-1910) offers mineral exhibitions.
3. **Botanical Museum** (495-2326) features a renowned display of glass flowers.
4. **Museum of Comparative Zoology** (495-2463; Agassiz) features dinosaurs and stuffed animals.
5. **The Busch-Reisinger Museum** (29 Kirkland St., 495-2317), a reconstructed Gothic cathedral, displays medieval German art. Organ recitals are at 12:15 on Thursdays during the school year. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. Admission: \$3 (\$1.50 student), free Sat 10-12.
6. **The Fogg Art Museum** (32 Quincy St., 495-2387), built in the style of an Italian palace, houses Harvard's extensive permanent art collection in addition to a wealth of temporary exhibits. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. Admission: \$3 (\$1.50 student), free Sat. 10-12.
7. **The Sackler Museum** (Quincy St. and Broadway, 495-2387), a new museum devoted mainly to Oriental and Islamic art. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. Admission: \$3 (\$1.50 student), free Sat. 10-12.
8. **The Semitic Museum** (6 Divinity Ave., 495-5656), a recently opened museum featuring Mideast cultural exhibits. Hours: 11-5 Mon-Fri., Sat 1-5. Admission: Free

The **Carpenter Visual Arts Center** at Harvard (on Quincy St.) is the only building in North America designed by Le Corbusier. It usually contains art exhibits. You can often watch artists at work, too.

You will probably want a car to get to the **De Cordova** (259-8355) in Lincoln, although it's a pleasant 1 hour bike ride from Cambridge, or a 2 mile walk from the Lincoln (commuter line) train station. The trip is worthwhile; the museum is in a beautifully remodeled house set among 30 acres of parkland. It presents lectures, exhibitions by local artists, classes, films and other educational activities. Hours: Tues-Thurs 10-5, Fri 10-9, Sat-Sun 12-5. Admission: \$1.50 for adults, 50¢ for those under 21; there is an additional charge for the concerts on Sunday.

The **Trailside Museum** (1904 Canton Ave., Milton, 333-0690) in the Blue Hills Reservation is virtually inaccessible without a car, but worth visiting. Hours: Tues-Sun 10-5, Admission: adults, \$1.00; children under 12, 50¢. Live animals native to New England can be seen. While you're there, climb to the top of Big Blue Hill for an excellent view of Boston.

The **Arnold Arboretum** (junction of Jamaica Way, Rte. 1 and the Arborway, 524-1717; MBTA: Forest Hills) is a beautiful 265-acre park filled with over 6000 labeled varieties of trees, vines, and flowers. "No bicycling or picnicking," just walking. Hours: sunrise to sunset. Admission: free.

The **Franklin Park Zoo** (Blue Hill Ave. & Columbia Rd., Dorchester; MBTA: Green St., then #16 or #29 bus) is filled with hundreds of animals and birds, and thousands of happy children every day. The **Children's Zoo** (442-2002), also in Franklin Park, allows children to mix with and feed small, tame animals. The entire zoo complex is being renovated. The area is dangerous at night but reasonably safe during daylight. Hours:



Daily April-Oct 9-4:30. Admission: adults \$1, children 50¢. Call 442-0991 for recorded information.

At MIT there are several museums. The **MIT Museum** (2nd floor, N52) has displays pertaining to the history of science and technology, special exhibits such as last year's Bauhaus, and light sculptures by Bill Parker '74. **Hayden Gallery** (in Building E15) houses temporary exhibitions of works by contemporary artists, often including MIT talent. Near it is a sculpture gallery. The **Hart Nautical Museum** (Building 5) houses detailed wooden models of ships and pictorial reports on advances in ocean engineering. The **Creative Photography Galleries** (in the Armory) exhibit the works of contemporary photographers. The hallways on the first floor of the main complex have displays, often incorporating a high degree of technical and artistic talent, relating to MIT's programs and environment. Hallways on higher floors and those in out-of-the-way places show interesting aspects of work done in their respective regions. For instance, the fourth floor of Building 4 outside of Doc Edgerton's strobe lab (affectionately called **Strobe Alley**) is full of strobe photographs. Other places to see are the Compton Gallery (Building 10) and the exhibits at the Faculty Club (E52, sixth floor).

Lastly, there are the contemporary art galleries on Newbury St. in Boston, some of them traditional and some very avant-garde. They are fun to visit and may even tempt you to buy something. For rather complete listings of galleries in the Boston area, try *The Boston Phoenix*.

## Theatre

Drama at **Harvard University** is phenomenal. Productions typically surpass "professional" productions in quality of acting and are far less expensive, ranging in price from free to \$5 for the big productions. The seasons run from October to December and from March to May. During Spring 1987 there were over 40 productions covering the entire range of theater. Large productions are shown on the Mainstage of the *Loeb Drama Center* (64 Brattle St., Cambridge; 864-2630). Also in the Loeb is the Experimental Theater, which shows plays weekly for free. You can pick up tickets up to one day in advance. Go early—the tickets are usually quickly gone. Despite the name, the plays shown are not really experimental, but rather high-quality productions of plays ranging from musicals to Pinter. Harvard also has a Gilbert and Sullivan company which does one production a term.

Most plays are shown at the various houses at Harvard, which explains the huge number of productions. They are generally done in common rooms or basements, with limited seating. Despite the unprofessional atmosphere, the quality of the plays tends to be excellent. Tickets are sometimes available at the Holyoke Information Center; otherwise you can get them at the door maybe a half an hour before the show begins.

There are also a number of excellent theater groups at MIT. The **MIT Dramashop** (W16-018; x3-2908) puts on a wide variety of plays, while the **MIT Musical Theatre Guild** (W20-453; x3-6294) does musicals and the annual student-written *Tech Show*. The **MIT Community Players** (x3-2530) also produce plays. The **Shakespeare Ensemble at MIT** (W20-423; x3-2903) specializes in productions of Shakespeare and scenes from modern plays. If you wish to actually get involved in drama, one of these groups would be good to contact. Look for posters for auditions around campus and announcements in *The Tech* and *Tech Talk*.



Other colleges in the area also show plays. Brandeis University produces plays at their Springold Theater (736-3400) of a very high quality comparable to Harvard. Wellesley, Boston University, Tufts, Emerson, etc., all have drama groups of varying quality. Try them out and see.

There is also a good deal of community theater around Boston. This tends to be of fairly low quality, but it is fairly inexpensive and they might be doing a play you'd like to see.

There are also many active professional theaters in the Boston area. The nationally famous **American Repertory Theatre** (547-8300) shares the Loeb Drama center with Harvard. They specialize in world premieres as well as radical reinterpretations of classic plays. Prices are high but you can usually get "student rush" seats by bringing your ID and getting to the theater at least a half an hour before the play begins. You wait in line there, and if there are seats left before the show begins you can get them for a bargain—something like \$9, which is still a lot. It's a good idea to call ahead and ask about the potential availability of such a rush. Even better if you plan to see everything in one season (which covers the whole school year) is to buy a student pass in the early fall, which entitles you to see five plays for approximately \$35, and be able to get virtually any seat you want for most performances. Student passes also come with discount coupons for other theaters. Other professional theaters often have student rush and/or student passes—check with the theater. Another feature of the ART is volunteer ushering. You can sign up to usher a play and see it free. This is a lot of fun.

Other good theaters are the **New Erlich Theatre** at the Boston Center for the Arts (539 Tremont Street, Boston; 426-5000), the **Charles Playhouse** (76 Warrenton St., Boston; 426-6912), the **Lyric Stage** (54 Charles St., Boston; 724-8703) and the **Huntington Theatre Company** (264 Huntington Ave., Boston; 266-3913) at Boston University. All typically produce modern classics and some older plays. The **Boston Shakespeare Company** (52 Botolph St., Boston; 742-8703) seems to do experimental plays and dance pieces these days, and the **Mobius** (354 Congress St., Boston; 542-7416) specializes in experimental works. The **Shubert** (265 Tremont St., Boston; 426-4520), the **Wilbur** (246 Tremont St., Boston; 423-4008) and the **Wang Center** (268 Tremont St., Boston; 482-9393), all in the theater district near the Boylston MBTA stop are Broadway-style with steep ticket prices. Sometimes Broadway shows preview at one of these. There are many other theaters in Boston. Check the theater listings.

Tickets for theater events may be purchased in advance by mail or in person at the box office. Some theaters will take a phone charge if you have a major credit card. Concert Charge 497-1118 is a good number to call to charge most major theater events. Theater tickets may also be bought at a ticket agency such as **Out of Town Ticket Agency** at the Out of Town Newsstand in Harvard Square, 492-1900. Tickets at half-price for same day performances can be obtained at BOSTIX in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 723-5181. Full price tickets for future dates can be obtained here as well. BOSTIX is open Mon-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun noon-6. Advance half-price tickets may be obtained from Arts/Mail (Arts/Boston, Suite 508, 59 Temple Pl., Boston, 02111). They charge a \$1 for handling fee per transaction.

## Film

Most popular films at MIT are presented by the **Lecture Series Committee** (LSC, W20-469, x3-3791), which also sponsors lectures by famous personalities (e.g. Gary Larson and Leonard Nimoy) from time to time. An entertainment series featuring recent films is shown in 26-100, Kresge, or 10-250 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; admission requires an MIT or Wellesley ID. Unlike many other college film groups, LSC shows films in 35mm format, oftentimes in Dolby stereo. Admission is \$1.50 for all movies; schedules may be picked up at the Information Office (7-121) or at LSC. Call dl-9179 for a recording about upcoming movies. You can also buy an LSC Superticket which entitles you (with guests) to a total of 20 admissions for \$25. It's a little cheaper, and it saves you the waiting in the long ticket lines.

At MIT there are several groups which put on films. The **MIT Film Society** presents experimental and classical works. The **Humanities Department** has free films that are related to class discussions but often excellent in their own right. (Get schedules from Course XXI headquarters.) The international student organizations often show the better films from their native lands. MIT showings are usually announced on the bulletin boards and in *Tech Talk*.

The Student Center Committee runs the **Midnight Movie Series** on some Saturday nights at 11 pm in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center. These movies are free with an MIT or Wellesley ID. Schedules are available at the SCC office (W20-347) at the start of each term.

Almost all commercial movie houses in the area have been taken over by **USA Cinemas**. Nonetheless, the flavor of many of the houses has been somewhat retained. Most of the downtown cinemas play typical first-run movies. The more "artsy" films show at Copley Place, the Nickelodeon (both in Boston) and the Harvard Square and Janus theaters in Cambridge. You can purchase discount tickets that can be used at most of the USA Cinemas from the MIT Activities Committee. Check their listing in *Tech Talk* for information on how to buy these tickets.

There are very few repertory cinemas left and even the ones that remain may be gone by the time you read this. The **Brattle Theater** (Cambridge), the **Somerville Theater** (near Davis Square) and the **Coolidge Corner Theater** (Brookline) show older films. You can see a large variety of films also at the **Harvard Film Archive** (Cambridge) and French films at the **French Library of Boston**. Schedules are available at each theater (at the Holyoke Information Center in the case of the Harvard Film Archive), and the Somerville Theater often drops its schedule at Lobby 7. Information for showings for the current week for all of these theaters (and others) are listed in the *Boston Globe Calendar* and other newspapers.

But probably the best place to see older films is at LSC (Friday Classics Series) or some other college-run showing. Harvard, Boston University, and other nearby colleges also show films—check with the particular university's publications. Another possibility is to rent videotapes. **Videosmith** (with several locations around Boston—check your phone-book) has probably the largest selection, and publishes a magazine available in each store with a complete listing of the overall inventory. There are many other video rental places around as well.



## Where to Find out About Plays and Movies

There are many newspapers which carry listings for plays and movies. Perhaps the best is the *Boston Globe Calendar* which appears in the Thursday issue. It contains listings for most movies and professional plays in the Boston area, and capsule reviews of the movies. Unfortunately it doesn't have much about movies and plays showing at colleges. Another good source, with pretty much the same information as the *Calendar*, is the *Boston Phoenix*. A special edition of this paper, called *BAD* (Boston After Dark), is published Tuesdays. It contains capsule reviews of plays as well as movies. For information on things showing in New York, if you want to go there to see something, the Sunday issue of the *New York Times* is your best bet.

*The Tech* carries fairly extensive arts listings, and, along with *Tech Talk*, covers all MIT events. For Harvard events, the best newspaper for listings is probably the *Independent*, which you can find at the Mount Holyoke Information Center on Mass Ave. It also has reviews of plays showing at Harvard. *What Is to Be Done* is Harvard's arts newspaper, and it is generally hard to find. Sometimes it is dropped off at Lobby 7, but usually too late to be of much use. The best place to find it would be at one of the Harvard houses. Posters can also be found at the *Loeb Drama Center* and scattered around campus. Often events will be announced only by poster so it is a good idea to look every now and then. Also, near the beginning of each play season, you may be able to find a copy of the *Drama Calendar*, which contains listings for most plays to be shown that season.

Other colleges probably list their events in their newspapers, as well as at various places around campus. For example, BU has listings of events on buildings on Commonwealth Avenue. The newspaper *Campus Calendar*, dropped at Lobby 7 and outside the Tech Coop near the end of every month, has a good number of listings for many colleges.

*Suggestive for mature audiences only.*

— Movie marquee

## Music

*To do is to be.*  
*To be is to do.*  
*Do be do be do.*

— J.P. Sartre  
 — E. Kant  
 — F. Sinatra

## Classical

Boston is a great city for music. In the classical field, the foremost performing organization is the **Boston Symphony Orchestra** (BSO), undeniably one of the world's finest orchestras. The music director is Seiji Ozawa. A favorite of Boston audiences, he is great fun to watch as well as listen to. Other outstanding conductors like Colin Davis and Klaus Tennstedt make frequent guest appearances.

Concerts are given in the acoustically near-perfect Symphony Hall (corner of Mass. Ave. and Huntington Ave., Boston; MBTA: Symphony) on Friday afternoons, Saturday nights, and assorted Tuesday and Thursday nights. They are divided into several series, which are sold on a subscription basis at Symphony Hall. There is also a set of eight open rehearsals. These feature unreserved seating, informal dress, a half hour lecture on the works to be performed, and a run-through and rehearsal of the coming Friday-Saturday pair's program. The rehearsal subscription series is one of the most popular and is usually sold out by early fall.

Tickets can be acquired in many ways. First, you can buy a subscription for a series at Symphony Hall. This is a good buy, with a guaranteed location and renewal rights, if you know you'll be free and interested in going to all the concerts (or you can sell the extra ones). For single tickets (that is, any number of seats for a single concert) you can try the Symphony Hall box office (266-1492) four weeks in advance. They often have seats for sale for weeknight series, but they are at full marked price. Occasionally, an MIT community member will be unable to use his subscription seats on a given night — check the Music Library bulletin board for such announcements. Also, try the box office a few hours before a performance — subscription holders unable to attend often turn their tickets in for resale at the last minute. This is often the easiest way to get tickets. They are sold at full price. Symphony Hall also offers single tickets cheaply through “rush seats”: 150 tickets are put on sale for \$5.50 at 9am Friday, and at 5pm Tuesdays or Saturdays. (For a popular concert, get there at least one hour early.)

The **TCA/Tech Performing Arts Series** acquires discount tickets to concerts and shows for the MIT community. In the past, such superstars as Isaac Stern, Segovia, and Alvin Ailey have been featured. Check the arts section of *The Tech* for a current listing of available shows. Tickets are sold through TCA (W20-450, x3-4885, call for hours). Sorry, no reservations.

The BSO minus its first-chair players performs “light” classics and popular music as the **Boston Pops Orchestra** from mid-April through mid-July. The director of the Pops is John Williams. Pops programs are long streamers which can sometimes be found around MIT. The seats on the floor of Symphony Hall are replaced by tables and the suit-and-tie patrons by noisy champagne drinkers, but it's all in the Pops' style. If you go, try to sit in the second balcony in order to avoid the noise from the floor. “Tech Night at the Pops” is generally attended by alumni, and tickets are available through the Alumni Association. You, too, can sing “Arise All Ye of MIT” to the strains of the Boston Pops!

*Musick is the thing of the world I love most.*

— Samuel Pepys

First-chair players of the BSO comprise the **BSO Chamber Players**. They give several concerts a year in Sanders Theatre. Information can be obtained through Symphony Hall. Tickets can be obtained through subscription from Symphony Hall only. This chamber ensemble is one of the very best around.

Boston has many excellent ensembles which specialize in early (baroque and its forerunners) music. Among the finest of these is the **Academy of Ancient Music** (721-1200), directed by Christopher Hogwood.

Martin Pearlman's **Banchetto Musicale** (491-7282) uses authentic period instruments whenever possible. This superb group gives several concerts a year at Jordan Hall, and a few smaller ones at the First & Second Church (Marlborough St.)

**Sinfonova** (938-6828), and Joel Cohen's **Boston Camerata** (262-2092) are also fine ensembles which perform frequently in the Boston area.

Not to be overlooked, the MFA's resident trio, with frequent guest performers, produces the Museum of Fine Arts **Early Music Series**. (267-2973). Tickets are \$8. Also noteworthy is the BU **Early Music** series (353-3343). For \$2 you can't go wrong.



Other professional orchestras in town include the **Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra** (661-7067), the **Boston Classical Orchestra** (426-2387), directed by F. John Adams, and the **Boston Premiere Ensemble** (782-2582).

**Great Woods Entertainment Center** is newly opened in Mansfield on Route 140. There is no "resident" orchestra yet, but one should exist within a few years due to the fact that the acoustics are excellent and the setting is not only beautiful, but closer than Tanglewood.

There are two professional operatic companies that perform in Boston. The (New York) **Metropolitan Opera** usually comes here in June on its annual tour, with a general sampling of its justly famed star singers. It performs in the Metropolitan Center. Good seats are exceedingly difficult to come by; most go to patrons and subscribers.

The **Opera Company of Boston** (539 Washington St., 426-2786) is a local company run by Sarah Caldwell. It features both local and out-of-town top-notch performers. Sarah Caldwell is excellent at directing and producing operas, and the final product is always outstanding. Performances are held at the newly renovated Savoy Theatre, and tickets are regrettably expensive. The best way to get tickets is through a series subscription; tickets bought singly are 25% more expensive and are available only two weeks before a performance. For impoverished students willing to wait until the last moment, rush tickets (assuming there are still seats left) go on sale half an hour before performances.

Boston probably has more good choral music than anywhere else in the country. The **Handel and Haydn Society**, which has been around since the early 1800's, gives six performances a year. The highlight of its season is its annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Symphony Hall at Christmastime. Thomas Dunn, the music director of the society, is an expert on proper musical style, and each year the Society reproduces an actual performance of Handel's as exactly as possible. They tend toward an unusual choral and orchestral repertoire. (The name is narrower than the Society.) The only sour note is the outrageous price of tickets. For ticket information call 266-3605.

Less well known, but no less fine, are the **Cantata Singers** (282-3748) and the **Cecilia Society** (232-4540). The Cantata Singers primarily perform Baroque works although they occasionally include contemporary pieces. The Cecilia Society has a broader repertoire. Both groups perform at Sanders Theatre.

One of the best choral groups in the area, directed by MIT's own John Oliver, is the **John Oliver Chorale** (734-8618), which performs a broad spectrum of choral music.

*That man is the richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.*

— Thoreau

The **Wang Celebrity Series** brings dozens of superb artists (e.g. Alvin Ailey, Murray Peheria, Isaac Stern) to Boston. They perform in Symphony Hall, Jordan Hall, and, occasionally, other places. Check the flyer, which is available in the Music Library. Tickets can be bought on a subscription basis from the Wang Celebrity Series (31 St. James Ave., Boston, 482-2595) or individually from the concert halls involved. Discount tickets in this series are often available through the TCA/Tech ticket service.

The **Peabody-Mason Music Foundation** brings guest artists to Sanders for six concerts; tickets are free. (Funding came from Mrs. Mason's bequest.) To get one, you have to write a letter postmarked no earlier than one month before the concert, enclose a stamped,



self-addressed envelope, and mail it to the Peabody-Mason Music Foundation, P.O. Box 153, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117. Send your request (no more than 2 tickets per person) very soon after the one month limit because tickets go very quickly. A wide variety of chamber works is presented. A schedule can generally be found in the Music Library.

Boston has a resident ballet group, **The Boston Ballet** (553 Tremont St., 542-3945). The season runs from November to May and often features outstanding guest dancers.

Local schools of music often present recitals by students and staff which can be excellent and are usually free of charge. **The New England Conservatory** (290 Huntington Ave., Boston, 262-1120) publishes a monthly listing of performances there. Of special note are that school's symphony orchestra, chorus, and ragtime ensemble. Also try the **Berklee College of Music** (1140 Boylston St., Boston, 266-7455) and the **Longy School of Music** (1 Follen St., Cambridge, 876-0956).

At MIT there are several sources of music. The Humanities Department sponsors free noon-hour chamber music concerts on Thursdays in the Chapel. Periodically, (usually on Fridays at noon) there are concerts in the Building 7 Lobby. The Music Department sponsors a series of evening concerts throughout the year, and the concerts are generally free and open to the public.

Of special interest are the following groups that not only provide excellent performances throughout the year but also offer the opportunity to participate. The **MIT Symphony Orchestra** is open to MIT and Wellesley students and alumni. Its repertoire combines standard classical works with a significant amount of contemporary music. The **MIT Concert Band** is open to the entire MIT community. It is devoted entirely to original works written for wind ensemble and commissions a new work every year. The band presents four concerts at MIT and one at Wellesley annually, and goes on a winter concert tour during the last week of IAP. The **Festival Jazz Ensemble** and **Concert Jazz Band** are student jazz groups that perform at concerts at MIT as well as at other local colleges. In addition, the Festival band travels to jazz festivals throughout the year. The **Choral Society** is a mixed chorus open to students and the entire MIT community. Two performances a year are given with professional orchestras and soloists. The **Chorallaries** are a mixed, a cappella, popular music singing group comprised of undergraduate and graduate students. They give frequent concerts at MIT, and also sing at local schools and at colleges throughout the country. The **Logarhythms** is an all-male close harmony a cappella singing group of about 12 people. The Logs sing barbershop, pop, and Tech melodies to high school, alumni, and college audiences. Each year they give four concerts at MIT as well as several at other colleges. The **MIT Chamber Music Society** is also open to all members of the MIT community. This group provides coaching by music faculty and staff for all kinds of chamber ensembles. Groups whose work leads to performance can receive subject credit under 21.655. The Society sponsors concerts in the Music Library and in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center, as well as an evening series in Kresge Auditorium. Other musical groups include the **MIT Brass Ensemble** and the **Gospel Choir**.

For most of the above events there are standard sources of information that can be checked regularly. The **MIT Music Library** maintains a bulletin board with concert announcements, and the music department has one on the second floor of Bldg. 14. There are concert listings in several papers, especially *The Boston Phoenix/B.A.D.*, the *Boston Sunday Globe*, and the *Calendar* section of the *Thursday Globe*. Also check the



*WCRB Guide* (recommended for people who like classical music) and *Boston Review of the Arts*. The Symphony Hall box office is the place to call for information on all events at the Hall, including BSO concerts. Jordan Hall (536-2412) is the location of New England Conservatory concerts and of other events.

*The real thing is also an approximation of the real thing.*

— Prof. King

During the summer there are performances by various groups on many of the city's parks and along the Esplanade in the Hatch Shell. The **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra** plays free here during the first two weeks of July, but crowds can be very large. The BSO moves to Tanglewood in western Mass. for the summer. For information call 266-1492.

*And now, Doctor, we've done our work, so now it's time we have some play. A sandwich and a cup of coffee, and then off to violin land, where all is sweetness and delicacy, and harmony, and there are no professors of calculus to vex us with their conundrums.*

— Sherlock Holmes

## Folk

The center of the Boston folk scene is **Passim** (47 Palmer St., Harvard Sq. 492-7679), which attracts nationally famous performers and charges \$4 to \$8 depending on the performer and the night. The **Joy of Movement Center** (Odd Fellows Hall, 536 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.) has weekly folk concerts on Friday or Saturday nights that are well worth the donation (\$3) requested. **Nameless Coffeehouse** (3 Church St., Harvard Sq.) is free, and always jammed to the gills. The quality of performers is quite varied. Famous for the musicians it attracts is **The Plough and Stars** (912 Mass. Ave., Harvard Sq.). The Plough and Stars is an Irish pub with Irish music on traditional instruments and occasional folk and blues. **Jonathan Swifts** (30 JFK St., Harvard Sq.) sometimes books top folk performers in addition to its staple of rock and jazz.

Local colleges, most notably Harvard, sponsor folk concerts which can also be quite rewarding.

**Boston Area Friends of Bluegrass and Old-Time Country Music (BAF)** holds concerts and runs bluegrass and country music festivals. You can get on their mailing list by sending \$1 to BAF, 36 Lancaster St., Cambridge, MA 02140. **Living Folk Records and Concerts** (65 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge) distributes announcements of their upcoming concerts free on request.

*To spend too much time in one's studies is sloth.*

— Bacon

## Rock

Rock music is all over — sometimes at coffeehouses but more commonly at regular concerts. Boston's huge college population is constantly pulling in the top performing and recording groups, and you need only to keep your eyes open to find announcements. *Rolling Stone* magazine tells about upcoming events and concerts also.

Most of the major concerts occur either at the **Worcester Centrum** (1-798-8888) or at the **Providence Civic Center** (1-401-331-6700). Tickets can be bought at the box office or at **Ticketron** locations (for example, at the Berklee Performance Center on the corner of

Mass. Ave. and Boylston St.; MBTA: Auditorium). Tickets can also be charged over the phone through **Teletron** (1-800-382-8080 or 720-3434 in Boston) or **Concert Charge** (497-1118). Some groups perform at the **Orpheum Theatre** (Washington St., Boston, 482-0650) or the **Wang Center** (482-9393). Tickets for these can be bought at the box office or at **Ticketmaster** locations (for example, 1 Hamilton Place, Boston, 1-800-682-8080 or 523-6633 in Boston) or charged over the phone. You can also try **Out of Town Tickets** in Harvard Square for any show, but be warned that they sell poor seats and add a \$5 service charge. Other places to try for tickets are **Hub Ticket Agency** (240 Tremont St., Boston, 416-8340) and **Concourse Ticket Agency** (South Station, Boston, 542-3905). Boston is a great place to see new groups in club settings. Clubs which often attract national acts include **The Paradise** (967 Comm. Ave., Boston, 254-2052), **The Metro** (15 Lansdowne St., 262-2425), and **The Channel** (25 Necco St., Boston, 451-1050).

## Bars, Clubs, and Dancing

(Remember, the legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21.)

**Axis** (15 Lansdowne St., Boston, 262-2437) All types of music, including punk and funk. Two floors. Recorded and live music. Cover: \$2-4.

**Bunratty's** (186 Harvard St., Brighton, 254-9804; MBTA: off Comm. Ave., Greenline) Live bands nightly. Large dance floor. Variable cover to \$4.

**Cask & Flagon** (62 Brookline Ave., Boston, 536-4840; MBTA: Kenmore and 335A Huntington Ave., Boston near Northeastern, 266-1705) Rock music, college crowd, dancing. Usually no cover.

**The Channel** (25 Necco St., Boston near South Station, 451-1050) Live new wave, reggae, and rock nightly. Cover varies. Call for shows and ticket costs.

**Club III** (608 Somerville Ave., Somerville, 623-6597) Jukebox or Live new wave. Cover varies.

**Crossroads** (495 Beacon St., Boston, 262-7371) Just over the Harvard Bridge. Food and/or drinks. No cover.

**Father's Fore** (300 Mass. Ave., Cambridge; also Father's Five, corner Mass. Ave., & Marlborough, Boston) Very convenient to MIT and inexpensive. Student crowd. No cover.

**Kenmore Club** (Kenmore Sq., Boston, 536-1950) Pickup bar. College crowd. Crowded on weekends. \$5 cover. Age min, 18. Recorded music with DJ.

**Metro** (15 Lansdowne St., 262-2425) DJ spins new wave, punk, rock and jazz. Live national bands some nights. Huge dance floor with lasers and a 15 ft. video screen.

**Modern Times Cafe** (134 Hampshire St., Camb., 354-8371). Live music. Lots of fun. Cover varies.

**Narcissus** (Kenmore Sq., 536-1950) Latin Disco. Plush interior, good light, sound show. Cover varies. Look for college nights.

**Nightstage** (823 Main St., Camb., 497-8200) Live blues, Jazz; call for shows. Cover varies. Expensive.



**Paradise Theater** (967 Comm. Ave., Boston, 254-2052) New wave, rock, folk, blues and country every night. Tickets for some shows can be purchased in advance at Ticketron.

**Spinoff** (145 Ipswich Rd., Boston, 437-0000) Roller skating to disco and rock. Great fun for groups.

**1270 Club** (1270 Boylston St., Boston, 437-1257) Highly recommended disco for gay men and women. New wave bands Wednesday nights (not a gay night). Two floors. Cover \$1-3.

*Humanity, i love you because when you're hard up, you pawn your intelligence to buy a drink*

— e. e. cummings

*There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn.*

— Samuel Johnson

## Comedy

There are a few good comedy clubs in the area. Some have no cover or minimum — others do. Discount coupons are frequently distributed in papers and on Mass. Ave.

**Backstage at the Charles Playhouse** (74 Warrenton St., 542-8158) This is a small night spot which regularly features The Comedy Connection in its cabaret setting. No cover; no minimum.

**Sam's Comedy Cellar, Play it Again** (1314 Comm. Ave., Brookline, 232-4242) No-frills basement comedy club. Thurs. is open-mike night. Cover charge.

Other clubs include **Stitches** (254-3939), **Nick's Comedy Stop** (482-0930), and **Catch A Rising Star** (661-9887).

*What do you get when you cross an elephant with a grape?*  
(elephant) (grape) (sin 0)

— Dan Franklin

*What do you get when you cross an elephant with a mountain climber?*  
Nothing, a mountain climber is a scalar.

— Rick Hester from *The Last Word*

## Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are pleasant places to study, talk, and relax. Some have music every night; others simply have tea, cake, and a pleasant ambiance.

**Algiers** (Truc. Complex, Brattle St., Cambridge, 492-1557; MBTA: Harvard Sq.) Cozy basement coffeehouse, with interesting coffees. At random times, guitar pickers visit and perform for free.

**Blue Parrot** (123a Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 354-7289; MBTA: Harvard Sq.) Good food, bright cheery atmosphere, well-chosen recorded music.

**Coffee Connection** (The Garage, Brattle St., 492-4881; MBTA: Harvard Sq., Faneuil Hall, 227-3821; MBTA: Gvt. Ctr.) Excellent coffees, stale pastries, and apathetic waitresses. Sit at the coffee bar if you want to be served. Of course, if you don't want to be bothered . . .

**Greenhouse Coffeeshop** (3 Brattle St., Harvard Sq., 354-3184; MBTA: Harvard Sq.) A coffeehouse in a greenhouse (What will they think of next?). No music, but a great place to go to talk.

**Grendel's** (89 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 491-1050; MBTA: Harvard Sq.) Quiet recorded music, bar, good pastries and coffees. Try their pomegranate frappes. Waiters are friendly, and there are flowers on every table. Open until 1 am weekends. Pastries are half price after 10 pm weeknights.

**Corey's Back Bay Café** (160 Comm. Ave., Boston, 536-3556; MBTA: Copley) Live jazz every night, terrible food, crowded on weekends.

**Nameless Coffeeshop** (3 Church St., Harvard Sq., 864-1630) Has folk singers and contemporary rock musicians. The performers are volunteer, and range in quality from poor to excellent. New acts every half-hour, so be patient if you don't like what you hear. No cover charge. Open weekends. Call for info. Refreshments including hot cider and cookies served free, but donations are requested.

**Off the Wall** (3 Pearl St., Cambridge) Dark and comfortable. Features short movies every night. Small cover.

**Passim** (47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 492-7679; MBTA: Harvard Sq.) Barely a coffeehouse. Better classified as a folk club, it offers nightly concerts by the top local musicians and a high cover. WERS broadcasts "Live from Passim's" every Sunday afternoon.

**Note:** Check the *Boston Phoenix* for current information. Almost every college in the area has its own coffeehouse during the academic year. Harvard's coffeehouses can be quite good. Read *What is to be Done*, distributed on campus Thursday afternoon.

The **24 Hour Coffeehouse** (x3-7972) in the Student Center sells donuts, bagels, candy, coffee, fruit drinks, and some other items. The **Muddy Charles Pub**, operated by the GSC, is open in Walker during lunch and in the evening on weeknights. The pub serves beer, wine, and munchies. The **Thirsty Ear Pub**, run by graduate students and located in the basement of Ashdown House (Building W-1, dl 9165), features a wide selection of beers (imported and domestic), munchies, music, and competitive prices. It is also available for rental to private parties. (Call for details.) Open Wed, Thurs, and Fri nights.

*Pleasure is the beginning and the end of living happily.*

— Epicurus

## Spectator Sports

Boston has major league baseball, basketball, football, and hockey teams, along with an impressive number of collegiate, semi-professional, and special groups. For quick information about yesterday's local and national games, call the Boston Globe Score Board anytime (265-6600). For more detailed information, call the Sportsline, which is a 50¢ call (1-900-976-1313).



The **Red Sox** *specialize* in frustrated fans. They are always near the top of the American League East. They enjoy fanatic support from the Boston fans. They play at Fenway Park, which is near Kenmore Square — convenient by foot or subway, guaranteed traffic jam by auto. For more information, call 267-8661. Tickets range between \$5-\$14.

*As a youth he once ran away with a circus — but they caught him and made him give it back.*

— Anonymous

The **Celtics** have been NBA World Champions 16 times in 40 years. Coach K.C. Jones leads Larry Bird, Cedric Maxwell, Robert Parish and company. The most watched team in Boston last season, the team was sold out for all of its games. The Celts play in ancient Boston Garden, located over North Station and easily accessible by subway. Buy your tickets early, especially if you want to see them play the Sixers, Bulls, Rockets, Lakers, Bucks, Hawks, or Pistons. For tickets and more info call 523-6050.

The **New England Patriots** have plenty of rude fans and feature expensive tickets. But maybe they'll go to the Superbowl again *this* year. Home games are played at Sullivan Stadium in Foxboro. For information and tickets, call the club at 262-1776. Round trip fare to the stadium from South Station is around \$3. Call 482-4400 for more information.

The **Bruins'** fan support has been reduced since Bobby Orr retired. The Bruins always reach the play-offs (so does everyone else) but generally lose to Montreal or the Islanders. The Bruins, like the Celts, play in the Boston Garden. Tickets are available by mail at the beginning of the season, and at the box office starting a few weeks before the game if there are any left. Watch the papers for announcements of sales dates or call the box office at 227-3200.

The **Boston Marathon**, run each year on Patriot's Day (in mid-April), draws large numbers of both competitors and spectators. Information starts appearing in the papers months before the race. The race finishes at the Prudential Center on Boylston Street.

For women, there is the ten kilometer **Bonne Belle** road race in October on the Monday closest to Columbus Day. The race starts and finishes at the Common, and the course goes down Memorial Drive, past the MIT dorms.

The **Head-of-the-Charles Regatta** is the largest single-day rowing regatta in the world and draws crews from all over the world, including MIT. It is held the second to last Sunday in October. The race starts at the B.U. boathouse and finishes at the Cambridge Boat Club. The bridges along the river are good places to watch the race.

Other sporting events in Boston include horse racing, which draws bigger crowds than any other sport. **Suffolk Downs** racetrack (567-3900) features harness racing in the fall and flat racing in the spring. It is easily accessible by car or by MBTA as is **Wonderland**, the greyhound racing center. During the summer there is harness racing at **Foxboro**, located south of Boston on Rt. 95.

But the meat of spectator sports around Boston lies in the collegiate teams which compete in every imaginable sport, including tiddly-winks. The collegiate events which draw the greatest crowds include football at Harvard and Boston College, basketball at the same two schools, and hockey and crew races in general. This specific listing is not meant to belittle anything not mentioned, merely to point out the most obvious popular events.

*After they've been exposed to MIT a few years and get into activities and athletics, a lot of them really blossom. I mean, the change is remarkable. It seems that they're a lot more normal as seniors than they were as freshmen.*

— MIT grad student as quoted in  
*Sports Illustrated* article on sports at MIT.

*If God had meant Man to walk, He wouldn't have invented roller skates.*

— Willie Wonka

## Non-MIT Athletic Facilities

### Bowling

Many Bostonians believe that bowling (they call it candlepins) consists of trying to knock down a bunch of wooden dowels with three under-sized balls.

If this is what you want, there are dozens of alleys in the area; check the Yellow Pages. If you want tenpins, it is a little harder; there are currently few nearby places to go.

**Sammy White's Brighton Bowl** (1600 Soldiers Field Rd. Ext., Brighton) This place has both kinds of bowling and, on Friday and Saturday nights, an all-you-can-bowl special which can get pretty inexpensive. Generally a hangout for local kids. Easy to get to as long as you have a car.

**Boston Bowl** (820 Wm. T. Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, 825-3800) Open 24 hours.

**Lanes & Games** (195 Concord Turnpike, Cambridge, 878-5533)

### Ice Skating Rinks

**Boston Arena** (238 St. Botolph St., Boston, 437-3376)

**MDC Rink** (Somerville Ave., Somerville, 623-3523) For information on skating rinks run by Parks and Recreation, call 725-4006.

**Boston Skate Club** (1240 Soldiers Field Rd., Brighton) has a sharpener come in part time.

### Roller Rinks

There aren't many in the area, but **Spinoff** (145 Ipswich St., 437-0000) is a good one and an easy one to get to. It is open every day except Mon. and Tues.

Skating outdoors can also be fun, but of course, be on the look-out for runners and bikers. The Esplanade, the Common, and between the river and Memorial Drive in Cambridge are all good places to skate. A number of places will rent you skates. Try **Wheels** (270 Newbury St.)



## Outdoor Recreation

### Beaches

The MDC operates **Revere** (in the north) and **Wollaston** (in the south) Beaches, which are unimpressive and cruddy but reachable by MBTA. The more popular (and better) beaches are further along the coast, and a car is needed to reach them.

Beaches on the North Shore include the following: **Crane Beach**, off Route 1A in Ipswich, charges \$5.50 per car on weekends and \$2.50 on weekdays; **Wingaersheek Beach**, in Ipswich Bay, \$4 on weekends; **Plum Island**, a long and beautiful beach with limited but cheaper (\$1 per car) parking; **Nahant**, nice and close by but (as a consequence) often crowded, on a peninsula just north of Boston. **Caution:** The water on these North Shore beaches wouldn't melt an iceberg.

On the South Shore there is, **Nantasket Beach** and **Duxbury Beach** which is 35 miles south of Boston off Rte. 3. Further south are **Cape Cod** with infinite beaches and **Nantucket** and **Martha's Vineyard** Islands.

On **Cape Cod** there are several noteworthy peculiarities. First, the rush day for this place is Sunday, when all of Boston deposits itself on the Cape. Since the road facilities for getting on and off the Cape are limited, massive jam-ups result in the evening when everyone tries to go home simultaneously. The obvious solution is to go on a weekday, but, if that proves impossible, the rush can be avoided by starting at about 6 am and heading home no later than 2:30 pm, which takes quite a bit of willpower. Also, the best beaches in terms of water conditions are **Nauset** and **Coast Guard** on the eastern shore of the Cape. Since they, like everywhere else, quickly get crowded, you may have to walk one or two miles from the parking lot (north on Nauset, south on Coast Guard) to avoid solidly packed people. The **Cape Cod National Seashore** is undeveloped but much less crowded.

Ferries run to the islands. The best way to get around once you're on an island is by bicycle. They can be rented on the island, but since the quality varies widely, you're better off bringing your own.

The MDC maintains public beaches for fresh-water swimming at **Upper Mystic Lake** in Winchester and **Houghton Pond** in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. **Walden Pond** in Concord has a public beach run by the state.

### Bicycling

Biking can be dangerous. Watch out for cars. (and joggers as well!!) Be sure to wear a helmet, and remember that it is illegal to ride at night without a light. (Yes, Mom.) If you don't have a bike already, you can rent one from a bike shop: **Boston Bicycle Shoppe** (303 Cambridge, 227-7027) for 3 speeds, by day or ½ day; **Community Bike Shop** (490 Tremont St., 542-8623 and 175 Mass. Ave., 267-3763) for 3 speeds, by day or hour; and **Herson Cycle Co.** (1250 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 876-4000) for 3 and 10 speeds by day only. All rentals require deposits.

There are several maintained bike paths in the area. Call or write the **Department of Environmental Management**, Division of Forests and Parks, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, 727-3180 for free pamphlets of the routes. Better yet, talk to the folks at **American Youth Hostel** (1020 Comm. Ave., Bos., 731-5430), or the **Boston Area Bicycle Coalition** (491-7433).

(See the **Travel and Transportation** chapter for more info.)

### Canoeing

There is an excellent place to canoe within reach of public transportation. The **Charles River Canoe Service** (527-9885), open mid-April through October, is near MBTA Riverside station and rents canoes on the surprisingly beautiful upper Charles River. **South Bridge Boat House** (369-9438), within walking distance of the Concord railroad station (less than an hour's ride from North Station), also rents canoes on the Sudbury River in Concord. The MIT Outing Club (W20-461, x3-2988) rents canoes and runs flat and white water trips. The **Appalachian Mountain Club** also sponsors trips and publishes a guide to canoeing in New England.

*A heart full of courage and cheerfulness needs a little danger from time to time, or the world gets unbearable.*

— Friedrich Nietzsche

### Fishing

In order to freshwater fish, you need a license. You can get it from the **Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**, (100 Cambridge St.), 727-3151, or some sporting goods stores. You may be able to get a special non-resident 7-day license. For saltwater fishing, no license is needed. Call 727-5215 for fishing information.

### Hiking, Mountain Climbing, Backpacking, Etc.

New England abounds in beautiful mountains and interesting trails. The **White Mountain National Forest** in New Hampshire, the **Green Mountains** in Vermont, **Baxter State Park** and **Acadia National Park** in northern Maine are areas especially worth visiting. Although the mountains in the Northeast are small by Western standards (the highest, Mt. Washington, is 6288 ft.), they should not be belittled. Treeline is about 4500 ft., so there are many open ridges, and many of the trails are steep and rough. Severe New England weather (Mt. Washington holds a record for its 231 mph gust.) adds to the challenge. Even during the summer the weather in the mountains is violent and highly unpredictable. Take a map, compass, and adequate clothing before venturing out there.

The **Appalachian Mountain Club** (AMC, 5 Joy St., Boston, near the Common, 523-0636) maintains hiking trails and shelters throughout the Northeast. They publish maps and guidebooks to the area which are sold there, at outdoor specialty shops, and at **The Coop**.

The place to go for information on almost any kind of outdoor activity (hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, bicycling, crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, or ice climbing) is the **MIT Outing Club** (MITOC, W20-461, x3-2988). They sponsor trips, have up-to-date information and good advice, and even rent equipment to members and people on club-sponsored trips. They also have two cabins in New Hampshire (one in



Intervale and one near Plymouth) that are often used for club trips and may be rented by other MIT groups. MITOC meetings are held Monday and Thursday 5-6 pm. New members are always welcome. Sign-up sheets for trips are posted on the club's bulletin board in the Infinite Corridor.

Other organizations that run trips and give beginner's classes are **AMC**, **Sierra Club** (373 Huron Ave., Cambridge, 869-9330), and **American Youth Hostel** (1020 Comm. Ave., Bos., 731-5430).

Other outdoor clubs at MIT are:

**MIT Skydiving Club** Newly formed, jumps on weekends, weather permitting. See **Hobby Groups** in the **Groups** chapter.

**MIT Soaring Association** (33-222, x3-2278) Free instruction to anyone in MIT community. Meets third Thursday of each month, 7:30, Student Center.

**MIT Scuba and Skin Diving Club** For information, call the swimming pool (x3-4489).

For hints on buying equipment, see **Outing Equipment** under **Shopping**. It's also a very good idea to contact someone in the appropriate MIT club for advice.

*Everything is sweetened by risk.*

— Alexander Smith

## Golf

The Boston area does not have many good public golf courses, and most are rather far from MIT. The better courses include **Brookline Municipal** (expensive unless you live in Brookline), **George Wright** in Boston and **Ponkapoag** in Canton (which has 36 holes and low greens fees). There are also a number of privately-owned courses with daily fees; these are usually more expensive but better kept. **Stowe** has 36 difficult holes and **Powderhorn** is a good par 3 course in Lexington. Direct questions about golf in the Commonwealth to the **Massachusetts Golf Association**, 190 Park Road, Weston, 891-4300.

## Hacking

Hackers, in the roof and tunnel sense, specialize in knowing How to Get Around MIT. This skill is demonstrated publicly when they pull off a hack like putting a plastic cow on the Great Dome. Unlike ordinary college pranks, MIT hacks show a fearless approach to technological obstacles. The other side of hacking, loosely called exploring, is not publicly visible, at least not when it's done well. The challenge of exploring is to be the first person to discover some interesting place in the Institute, or to figure out how to get to such classic spots as the Great Dome (MIT regularly improves the security around these places).

Public hacks can be divided into three categories: engineering, verbal, and theatrical. When someone sees an engineering hack, like a car hanging off the side of East Campus (1946), the first thought that comes to their mind is "how did they do it?", and after a few moments of thought, "how is MIT going to undo it?". For example, In 1986, a group of students from Random Hall turned an enormous cubical metallic sculpture hanging in Lobby 7 into a large playing die. Verbal hacks can take the form of rooftop banners, wall posters, or classroom handouts. In May 1986, as part of MIT's 125th anniversary

celebration, members of Fifth East hung nine huge drop posters from the center of the ceiling of Lobby 7 that said, "Jack E. Florey salutes 125 years of hacking at MIT." As the name suggests, theatrical hacks involve acting. During an 18.02 lecture in the Fall of 1981, Professor Hartley Rogers, Jr. was interrupted by a man in black brandishing a sword. No sooner had the man in black declared Rogers' doom, than a man in white appeared and vowed to defend Rogers. The two swordsmen met at the front of 26-100 and clashed swords. After a minute or two the man in black was driven out of the lecture hall never to return.

Hacking is a tradition at MIT. If you want to learn more about hacks visit the MIT Museum and ask to see the folders on student pranks in the student activities file. They have several inches of photos and newspaper clippings dating back to 1910. They welcome any information about current hacks.

According to alumni, exploring dates back to at least the 1950s. The the oldest known piece of graffiti is from a plumber on the fourth floor of Building 10, dated 1915, found in 1985 by Heretic and Circumscribed Triangle. There was a newspaper from 1924 inside the pyramid of building 1 but its origins are uncertain. The best way to start exploring is to take an Orange tour during R/O week. If you missed the tours, try to reach these places: inside the Great and Little Domes (10-900 and 7-600), above the false ceiling of 1-390, the abandoned elevator shaft in 56, E1-400, N16-400, 10-1000; for a more challenging experience try the bricked-in shower in 14S and any interesting place that has few or no sign-ins. Off campus, the best places to explore are the Wellesley steam tunnels, which are big enough for two people to walk side by side standing up, or the Harvard bell towers. Most of these places can be reached using just ordinary climbing skills.

The 1986-87 school year saw a disturbing increase in damage to MIT property by hackers. If you hack or plan a hack, please show consideration for other people's property and avoid causing any damage, if for no other reason than to help prevent MIT from finally getting fed up enough to seriously tighten security and clamp down on hacking. Talk with other hackers: you would be surprised at the efficient and non-marring techniques that have been developed.

## Hacking Groups

While hacking has markedly increased since 1986, hacking groups have shown a serious decline. As of 1987 only three hacking groups that were not living groups—The Spelunkers' Club, ORK, and THA—still existed. The Spelunkers' Club doesn't do much hacking at MIT anymore, and ORK and THA may not be around much longer. Nonetheless, here is a list of the most notable groups that may still be active and some of their accomplishments.

**Delta Kappa Epsilon DKE** is famous for the balloon hack at the November 1982 Harvard-Yale football game. That hack received more publicity than any other hack in the history of MIT. See *Technique '83* for details. DKE has tried to hack the game before, most memorably in the late 1940s when they buried explosive cord in a pattern that would spell out "MIT". Unfortunately, Harvard discovered the hack and set up a trap. They arrested several students wearing coats lined with batteries. A dean, who had been informed about the hack after the arrest, went down to bail the students out. He pointed out to the detective that the battery-lined coats were only circumstantial evidence. At this point the dean opened his own battery-lined coat and declared "all Tech men carry batteries."



**Jack Florey** Named after a person who once visited Fifth East (East Campus), they run the Orange tours during R/O week. They still have a couple of skilled and experienced hackers, though most of them have graduated.

**James Tetazoo** The Third East Traveling Zoo is based in East Campus. They were probably the best hackers during the late seventy's. During the dedication of building 66 (the triangular Chemistry building), they lowered an anchor over the bow, dropped a banner christening the "USS Tetazoo," and blasted "Anchors Aweigh" on their stereos. In exploring they were the first group to sign in under the steps of 77 Massachusetts Avenue. The first week the Arts and Media Technology building (E15) opened, James Tetazoo's *No Knife* appeared overnight to rave reviews. It was a commons tray with plate, tumbler and utensils except for a knife.

**Nu Delta** A closely knit group of hackers, Blue Goose Incorporated has operated from Nu Delta since it was founded there in 1978. Although they are well known as expert explorers, Blue Goose, Inc. has yet to pull off any major hacks. Their name can be found, however, in many of the more obscure nooks and crannies of the Institute.

**Order of Random Knights** ORK is a small tightly knit hacking group based in Random Hall. They are mainly an exploring group and are best known for discovering one of the missing half stories in Building Ten. ORK's most famous hack was the die hack mentioned on the previous page.

**Caving Club** This is an official student activity and thus is the easiest to get in touch with (see the Student Directory). During R/O week they run tours that complement the official Institute tours. Tours are also given after meetings and occasionally at other times, although the main emphasis of the club in recent years has centered on trips to horizontal and vertical caves in New York and West Virginia. Absceiling is taught before going to the vertical caves (Rappelling uses two ropes, absceiling uses one rope, and falling uses no ropes, so absceiling is half way between rappelling and falling.). Because they are official, their on-campus exploring is conservative.

**Technology Hackers Association** Although THA has no more raw skill than other hacking groups they are quite good at organization. Reputed to have once been the largest group on campus, THA has pulled off several widely known hacks requiring lots of manpower such as the Massachusetts Toolpike in 1985 and the home-on-the-dome in 1986. Due to the scale of these hacks, however, the administration has occasionally caught wind of the plans beforehand, much to the chagrin of THA.

## Hacking Tips

The following tips are based on a THA document, that in turn was based on the writings of Keshlam the Seer, Knight of the Random Order.

### Evasion and Escape

The Eleventh Commandment: Don't get caught. Thou shalt honor it and keep it wholly. On the other hand, if you *are* caught, the least you can do is to accept it with dignity, and have respect for your captor.

Always have two ways to run. If someone comes one way, you can go the other. If possible, run along a path that has many side branches. Your pursuer will pause to check them.

Don't start running when someone spots you. Walk around a corner and *then* run. Remember that the person who sees you must first decide that you are doing something wrong, and running is an admission of guilt.

It is usually better to talk to a Campus Police officer than to try to run away.

Talk to CPs. If nothing else, ask questions like "where's the nearest bathroom?" The proper blend of interest, respect, and a willingness to follow up on the things that are said, can do wonders. This experience will help if an officer ever decides to ask *you* a few questions.

If you can become invisible, people give up hunting for you and go away. Keep track of hiding places that you can get into quickly and quietly. If someone is chasing you, don't hide unless you can convince them that you kept running.

People are usually unaware of anything above them unless it moves or otherwise calls attention to itself. When hacking, remember to look up periodically.

### **Planning a Hack**

When planning a hack concentrate on the tools and materials. People are awfully good at figuring how to do something, but they have a hard time imitating a roll of tape.

The best way to get the person-power needed for a hack is to get several people involved in the planning stage.

Strive not for the elimination of mistakes, but for the ability to compensate for them. Where would you get replacement fuses for an elevator at three in the morning?

Anything that can be prepared ahead of time should be. The night-before lasts at most eight hours and many of these will be consumed by unforeseen delays.

### **Exploring**

Try to account for all the space in a building. If a bump in one wall does not line up with a dent on the other side, then there is a space that needs exploring.

Move as quietly as possible. If you can see or hear trouble before it hears you, then retracing your steps should bring you to safety.

Trouble tends to come from behind. Walking past someone may arouse suspicion (especially if you're carrying something odd, like lots of rope), and by definition those people are behind you. Periodically check your back side. Enter and exit an area using different routes.

When signing your logo always include the date. This makes the order of re-discovery clear. Other hackers judge you by where they've seen your logo. Use it as a sign of approval and accomplishment.

Always carry a flashlight, though don't panic if you're without one. The human eye is very sensitive if you give it half a minute to adjust. In an emergency use your digital watch to light the way.



**Access and Alarms**

Brute force is the last refuge of the incompetent.

Carrying master keys is extremely stupid and unnecessary.

Some rooms are best entered via the door, others are not. Always try the doorknob and carding before riskier techniques. Remember that there is *always* another way, and usually a better one.

Before opening a door check all around the doorframe for magnetic switches and alarm wiring. Do the same after opening it. If you do set off an alarm you have about two minutes to get away. Don't panic. Only run until you reach a place where your presence can be reasonably explained.

You can often spot an alarm before it spots you. Most alarms either click or light up when they are tripped. Listen for the click, and look for the light. Remember that motion detectors are line of sight devices. If you can't see them, they can't see you (except microwave alarms, which can see through most walls).

Roofs themselves cannot be alarmed, but doors that lead to them can.

**General Advice**

Things are not always as they appear. This is true of locks, doors, walls and people.

*To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler—and less trouble.*

—Mark Twain





# Restaurants

An extraordinary number of restaurants do business in the Boston area. Food at almost any price and of almost any quality or type is readily available. The following list includes a sampling of the restaurants in the area; it is slanted to places close to campus and popular with MIT students.

Information on addresses and phone numbers is from the recent NYNEX directory. Information on hours, reservations, and credit cards accepted is from restaurant employees; some of them were more knowledgeable than others, and that information may not always be accurate. Comments on the restaurants are from past and present students as are approximate prices and other information. Take into consideration how recently the restaurant was reviewed (year in parenthesis after the critique, if known), and realize that opinions vary. The listed type or style of food served does not imply that it is authentic. There are often many ways to get somewhere using public transportation. Only one is listed for each restaurant.

For more information, look for reviews in books, magazines (try *Boston* magazine's "Best of Boston" issue), and newspapers (i.e. *The Globe's* Thursday calendar section). Also look for two-for-one coupons in *The City* book and college coupon books.

The low unemployment rate in Massachusetts causes restaurant workers to be a scarce commodity. Often you can expect, particularly in fast food establishments, the help to be overpaid, rude and inefficient.

Standard tip is 15% of the bill. Meal tax is 5% and it is charged on take out food as well as served meals.

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**Acropolis Restaurant**

*Greek*

1680 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-8335; MBTA: red line to Porter Square; Sun-Thurs 11:45am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:45am-11pm; AE,V,MC,DC,CB; reservations recommended on weekends and for large parties.

Standard tasty Greek food. Entrees \$5-\$10. Appetizers \$2-\$5. (1984)

**Aku-Aku Restaurant**

*Polynesian*

194 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge; 491-5377; Mon-Sat 11:30am-2am, Sun 12n-2am; MC,V,AE,DC,CB; reservations for parties larger than 5.

Overpriced soups, but the Aku platter (appetizers) makes up for it. Drinks are nice and tasty with reasonable kick, and the food is good but not great. Atmosphere and service make it worth a try. Go in groups of four or more to best enjoy this restaurant.

**Alston Depot City Grill**

*Grill*

353 Cambridge St., Allston; 783-2300; MBTA: Union Sq. Bus; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 12n-10am; AE,V,MC,DC; reservations recommended for Friday and Saturday nights.

Nothing special but an okay "American" restaurant, \$10-15. Good steaks; try the Macho Nachos. Also good folk music. (1988)

**Andy's Place**

*Chili, Sandwiches*

Weekdays: under bldg. 37. Sat: corner of Mass. Ave. and Amherst Alley. 11am-2:30pm. No credit cards; no reservations.

No MIT experience is complete without a visit to Andy's. Chili, hot dogs, sausage subs, sandwiches, salads, etc. Excellent customer service, although the line can get to be 30 min. long (assuming Andy shows up that day). 20% discount on Thursdays if you wear an Andy's Place shirt. (1987)

**Another Season**

*High Class*

97 Mt. Vernon St., Boston; 367-0880; MBTA: red line to Charles; Tues-Fri 12n-2pm, Mon-Sat 6pm-10pm; AE,V,MC; reservations necessary.

Lunch costs about \$8/entree. Dinner entrees run from \$10-20. The menu changes weekly. At any one time there's not much variety, but usually some chicken, vegetarian, beef, and seafood, depending on what's in season. The desserts are excellent.



**Anthony's Pier 4**

*Seafood, High Class*

140 Northern Ave., Boston; 423-6363; MBTA: red line to South Station to City Point bus; Mon-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 12:30pm-10:30pm; AE,V,MC,CB,DC; no reservations; dress code.

"Best experienced on someone else's budget." Very good, expensive seafood. The wait isn't too long and can be enjoyed in the lounge. It is a huge place with lots of parking. Great atmosphere and view. (1986)

**Apley's Restaurant**

*High Class*

39 Dalton St., Boston; 236-2233; MBTA: green line to Prudential; Tues-Sat 6-9:30; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations necessary.

**Asmara**

*Indian*

714 Mass Ave, Central Square; 864-7447; 12n-11pm. No credit cards, no reservations.

**Athens Olympia Cafe**

*Greek*

51 Stuart St., Boston; 426-6236; MBTA: green line to Boylston; Mon-Sat 11am-11pm, Sunday 11:30am-9pm; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; get reservations between 6pm and 8pm.

\$6-10 for food you can get for half the price elsewhere. Located in the Combat Zone, service is good and speedy if you tell then you want to make a show in the nearby theatre district.

**Au Bon Pain**

*Bakery, Soup & Sandwich*

254 Main St., Kendall Sq.; 491-9751; MIT Coop; Holyoke Center, Harvard Square, Cambridge; 497-9797; red line to Harvard; many other locations. No credit cards, no reservations. (1988)

Good yuppie sandwich place but overpriced. Good people watching from in front of the Harvard Square restaurant.

**Autre Chose**

*French*

1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 661-0852; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Fri 11:30am-3pm, Sun-Thurs 5:30pm-10am, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm; Sat-Sun 9am-3pm (brunch); MC,V,AE; reservations necessary.

Good food, nice atmosphere. Some standard dishes, some imaginative ones. About \$8 for lunch, \$20 for dinner. (1986)

**Averof Restaurant**

*Greek, Lebanese*

1924 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-4500; MBTA: red line to Porter Sq.; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-1am; Fri-Sat 11:30am-2am; AE,MC,V,CB,DC;; reservations recommended.

**Baby Watson**

*Bakery*

36 Boylston St., Cambridge; 354-4081; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 9am-11:30pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

**Bailey's**

*Ice Cream*

1314 Beacon St., Brookline; 738-8473; green line to Coolidge Corner. 1330 Boylston St., Brookline; 566-0152. 21 Brattle St., Cambridge; 354-2772; red line to Harvard. 26 Temple Place, Boston; 289-4777; red line to Park. 74 Franklin St., Boston; 482-7266; red line to Park; MC,V with \$10 minimum; no reservations.

Reasonable ice cream, but the reviewer sees no reason ever to go there.

**Bangkok Cuisine**

*Thai*

177A Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 262-5377; MBTA: green line to Symphony; Mon-Fri 11:30am-3pm; 5pm-10:30pm daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; no reservations.

Good authentic Thai food. Cheaper than other Thai restaurants. It is a small restaurant and there is often a line. Part of the menu lets you pick meat and vegetable or curry combinations. Spicy dishes are quite good and not overly hot. Try the Duck Choo-Chee. (1986)

**Bartley's Burger Cottage**

*Grill*

1246 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-6559; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Fri 8:30am-9pm, Sat 8:30am-7:30pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Inexpensive, good food; silly posters add to unusual atmosphere. They serve really thick hamburgers and have many choices (try a specialty burger like the Nancy Reagan burger). Most burgers and sandwiches come with cole slaw and chips or french fries or onion strings. Fresh squeezed lemonade available. Sometimes there is a wait. Most of the clients are college students. Best steak and cheese in Boston, which says a lot.

**Bel Canto Restaurant**

*Pizza*

42 Charles St., Boston; 523-5575; MBTA: red line to Charles; Sun-Thurs 11am-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm; 928 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 547-6120; MBTA: #1 bus towards Harvard; Sun-Wed 11am-10pm, Thurs-Sat 11am-11pm; MC,V; no reservations.

Unusual varieties of pizza. You can choose the type of crust, sauce, and toppings (tuna, artichoke hearts, broccoli, sausage or pepperoni). Try something unusual. Dinner for about \$8; lunch about \$5. Soups are also recommended. (1986)

**Benisushi and Kyoto Japanese Steak House**

*Japanese*

201 Stuart St., Boston; 542-1168; MBTA: green line to Arlington; Mon-Fri 11:30am-2pm, Mon-Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 4:30pm-9pm; MC,V,AE,DC,JCB,CB, reservations available.

**Bertucci's**

*Italian, Pizza*

799 Main St., Cambridge; 661-8356; 197 Elm St., Somerville; 776-9241; MBTA: Red line to Davis; other Boston locations. Mon-Thurs 11:30am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-12pm, Sun 2pm-11pm; MC, V; reservations for groups of 10 or more.

Good pizza and other Italian dishes. The pizzas have fresh toppings and are cooked in woodburning ovens. Try the Fra Diavolo if you like spicy. Most dishes can be in either single servings or can be made to serve 2-3 people, which is less expensive. \$8-\$12 for lunch or dinner. Yuppie/Student crowd. Service may be slow. (1988)



**Bisuteki Japanese Steak House***Japanese*

777 Memorial Dr., Cambridge; 492-7777; Mon-Fri 4pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 4pm-11pm; DC,CB,AE,V,MC; reservations accepted.

It's best to go in groups of 8 because that's how many fit around the cooking table. The food isn't authentic, but the dinner (about \$12) is entertaining since the chef cooks in front of you. The food is okay, but you're paying for the show and nice atmosphere. (1986)

**Blazing Salads 3rd***Salad*

330 Washington St., Boston; 426-0864; MBTA: red line to Washington; Mon-Fri 6:30am-7pm, Sat 8am-4pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

**Bo Shek***Chinese*

63 Beach St., Boston; 482-4441; MBTA; orange line to Essex; maybe 11am-9pm daily (but employee hardly spoke English); no credit cards, no reservations.

Cheap food, informal atmosphere. Lots of MSG drums in the corner. Stay away from Sweet & Sour dishes. (1986)

**Boodles of Boston***High Class*

40 Dalton St., Boston; 266-3537; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; Mon-Fri 7am-2:15pm; Sat-Sun 7am-11am and 11:30am-2:15pm (brunch), 5pm-11:30pm daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC,HI; reservations accepted.

Expensive but not worth it. Small portions of mediocre food. Modeled on an English Club. (1986)

**Border Cafe***Mexican*

32 Church St., Harvard Square; 864-6100; Mon-Thurs 11am-1am, Fri-Sat 11-2am, Sun 12n-1am.

Yuppie but good Mexican place. Try the Margarita and the Fajitas. Gets very crowded on the weekends. (1988)

**Brighams***Ice Cream, Sandwiches*

731 Mass Ave., Central Square; other Boston locations. No credit cards, no reservations.

A not-so-exciting ice cream chain.

**Bull & Finch Pub***British*

84 Beacon St., Boston; 227-9605; MBTA: green line to Arlington; 11:30am-1:30am daily; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; no reservations.

"Cheers" is based on this pub.

**Burger King***Grill, Fast Food*

502 Mass. Ave., Central Square; 491-0204; other Boston locations. No credit cards, no reservations.

**Buzzy's Fabulous Roast Beef***Truckstop-style*

327 Cambridge St., Boston; 523-4893; red line to Charles; 10:30am-5am daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

**Cabot's Ice Cream**

*Ice Cream*

743 Washington St., Newton; 964-0909; car needed; Mon-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri 11am-11:45pm, Sat 9am-11:45pm, Sun 9am-11pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Creative concoctions. Sundaes (from \$1-3) are very good. On two days notice they will create any-sized anything. Rates with the best.

**Cafe Amalfi**

*Italian*

10 Westland Ave., Boston; 536-6396; green line to Symphony; Tues-Sat 4pm-10:30pm Sunday 12n-8pm or 10pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

**Cafe Avventura**

*Pizza*

36 JFK Street, Cambridge; 491-5311; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sat 11:45am-11pm, Sun 1pm-7pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Some of the better ordinary pizza in the area. Cheap, quick service. (1986)

**Cafe Budapest**

*Hungarian, High Class*

90 Exeter St., Boston; 266-1979; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Sat 12n-3pm, Mon-Thurs 5pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-12m; AE,MC,V,DC,CB; reservations recommended.

One of the five best restaurants in Boston, \$10-20. Try the cold cherry soup. Dress up.

**Cafe Florian**

*Coffeehouse*

85 Newbury St., Boston; 247-7603; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Fri 7:30am-12m, Sat 9am-12m, Sun 12n-12m; AE,V,MC,DC,CB with \$15 minimum; no reservations.

Nice, simple coffeehouse; light meals are the emphasis. Good desserts, quick service. Beer in cold mugs and hot spiced wine in the winter. Sidewalk café in nice weather. (1984)

**Cafe Promenade**

*High Class*

120 Huntington Ave. Boston; 424-7000; MBTA: green line to Symphony; 7am-12m daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended for large parties and weekends.

Superb food, \$6-12, good wine list. Trout may be the best in Boston. Beef, fish, veal, salads: whatever you want, they have. Excellent desserts. One of the best meals for your money in town.

**Cajun Yankee**

*Cajun*

1193 Cambridge St., Cambridge; 576-1971; Tues-Sat 6pm-10pm; no credit cards; reservations necessary up to a week in advance.

Excellent Cajun food, good service. \$20 per person. Classy, even though the decor isn't great. Try the "popcorn" and the blackened redfish. Very hot! Very tasty! (1986)

**Campus House of Pizza**

*Pizza, Grinders*

239 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 547-2208; MBTA: red line to Central; 10am-10pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Another disgusting Boston pizza place. Quick service, close to campus, cheap. The crust is terrible. Blot your pizza with paper towels before eating. (1986)



**Casa Mexico***Mexican*

75 Winthrop St., Cambridge; 491-4552; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sat 12n-2:30pm, Sun-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm; AE,V,MC,DC; reservations for Sun-Thurs only.

About \$13 for classy Mexican food in this small basement establishment. Expect more exotic and better food than at most local Mexican restaurants. (1986)

**Chart House Restaurant***Seafood, Steak, Salad*

60 Longwarf, Boston; 227-1576; MBTA: blue line to Aquarium; Mon-Thurs 5pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-12pm, Sun 3pm-10pm; V,MC; no reservations.

Semi-classy place on the waterfront. Nice atmosphere, good food. Dinner \$12-\$15. The wait can be long. Good place for a date or a party. (1986)

**Chef Chang's House***Chinese*

1006 Beacon St., Brookline; 277-4226; MBTA: green line to St. Mary's; Sun-Thurs 12n-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 12n-10:30; AE; reservations for parties of 8 or more.

Very good Chinese food for about \$8 per person. Try the General Gau's chicken, Peking duck. (1986)

**Chef Chow's House***Chinese*

230 Harvard St., Brookline; 739-2469; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm; AE, V, MC; reservations for parties of 6 or more.

Excellent, cheap food. \$6-\$12. General Gau's chicken and the Hunan Crispy Beef are especially good. Busy but quiet. (1984)

**Chez Jean***French*

1 Shepard St., Cambridge; 354-8980; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Tues-Thurs 5pm-9pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-10pm; AE,MC,V; reservations recommended for Friday & Saturday.

Good French food, mostly steak and fish. Entrees \$10-15. Wear a jacket & tie.

**Church's Fried Chicken***Fast Food, Chicken*

479 Mass. Ave, Central Square; 864-2140; other Boston locations.

This is probably the greasiest chicken in the world. Never take this home; when it's cold it's even worse, but it is close by and cheap. (1986)

**Cityside Restaurant***Grill, American*

1660 Beacon, Brookline; MBTA: green line to Cleveland Circle.

Good food in a pleasant atmosphere. Dinner about \$10. Service is fine. They have a bar. (1986)

**Ciao Belda***Italian*

240-A Newbury St., Boston; 536-2626.

**Crossroads Restaurant and Lounge**

*Sandwiches, American*

495 Beacon St., Boston; 262-7371; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 11am-1am daily; MC,V,AE,DC; no reservations.

The food is not exceptional. People mainly go there to drink at the bar. Breakfast is served all day. About \$8 for dinner. (1986)

*All arguments about pi are circular*

— Prof. Judy Bostock

**D'Amore's Italian Restaurant**

*Italian*

76 Salem St., Boston; 523-8820; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11am-10:30pm daily; V,MC,AE,DC; reservations recommended for weekends.

Large variety of hearty Italian food (no pizza). Eggplant parmigiana is especially good. Small, informal restaurant. \$8-18 for a complete meal.

**David's Cookies**

*Cookies, Ice Cream*

Harvard Sq., Cambridge; 661-4860; 8-12 daily; 42 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 536-4343; MBTA: green line to BU East; Sun-Thurs 8-12, Fri-Sat 8-1; no credit cards; no reservations.

The best "homemade" cookies in the area. Features Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

**Davio's Restaurant**

*Italian*

269 Newbury St., Boston; 262-4810; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, Sun-Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm; MC,V,AE; reservations recommended.

Tie and jacket Italian restaurant. One of the better Back Bay eating places. Very expensive, maybe not quite worth it.

**Deli-Haus Restaurant**

*Deli*

476 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 247-9712; MBTA: green line to Kenmore; Sun-Thurs 7am-2am, Fri-Sat 7am-3am; no credit cards; no reservations.

Amazing deli with huge menu. Enormous sandwiches. Far from an elegant atmosphere, but it is a fun place to go. Dinner for about \$6. (1986)

**Despina's Place**

*Pizza*

47-A Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 536-1577; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 11am-12m daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Cited #1 in *The Tech's 1981 Pizza Survey*. Good greasy thin crust pizza cheap. (1984)

**Dini's Sea Grill**

*Seafood, Grill*

94 Tremont St., Boston; 227-0380; MBTA: red line to Park; Mon-Sat 11am-9pm; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations recommended for Thurs and Fri.

Very filling, delicious food. Specialty is seafood, but meat is also ace. Service is impeccable. Jeans discouraged. \$7-11.



**Dino's Restaurant***Pizza*

51-A Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 266-6381; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 11am-12m daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Right next door to Despina's. Similar fare, similar prices, though not quite as good, some say. Try it yourself.

**Division Sixteen**

955 Boylson St., Boston; 353-0870; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 11:30am-2am daily; AE,V,MC,CB,DC; reservations for large parties only.

Big portions of good food. Dinner \$8-20. Crowded, loud, yuppie hang out. Good but not cheap! Try the nachos. (1986)

**Dolphin Seafood***Seafood*

1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-9332; MBTA: #1 bus towards Harvard; Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10:15pm, Sun 4pm-10pm; V,MC; no reservations.

Lots of fresh fish at reasonable prices (about \$4 for lunch, \$7 for dinner). Try the fish chowder and the seafood combination platters. Dinners come with huge salads, roll and potato. The restaurant is fairly small; the service is friendly. The wait can be long on weekends. (1986)

**Dover Sea Grille**

1223 Beacon St., Brookline; 566-7000; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; Mon-Fri and Sun brunch 11:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Sat 5pm-10:30pm, Sun 5pm-9:30pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations available Sun-Thurs.

Go here if you're in the mood for Legal Sea Food but don't want to wait forever. Fish cooked "fancy" and well. Legal is definitely better, but here you can make a reservation and they'll honor it. (1987)

**Du Barry French Restaurant***French*

159 Newbury St., Boston; 262-2445; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, Sun-Fri 5:30pm-9:30pm, Sat 5:30pm-10pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations for groups larger than 4.

Good, moderately expensive French food. Extensive menu. Count on \$30 per couple for a complete meal. The food is generally excellent, but desserts lose big. Patio seating in nice weather. (1984)

**Dunkin' Donuts***Coffeeshop*

616 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-8944; MBTA: red line to Central; 5am-11pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Longer wait than you'd expect. Not great counter help. Some have gotten stale donuts here. (1986)

**Durgin-Park**

*Seafood, Steak*

340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; 227-2038; MBTA: green line to Government Center; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 12n-9pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

A classic Boston restaurant. "Established before you were born." Rude waitresses, noisy atmosphere, visible kitchen. Prime rib (great!) like the Flintstone's would eat and other New England specialties. At least a 30 min. wait on weekends. (Don't go to the one at Copley Place. It just isn't the same.) (1986)

**East Coast Grill**

*American, Grill*

1271 Cambridge St., Cambridge; 491-6568; Mon-Sat 5:30pm-10pm, Sun 4pm-9pm; MC,V; reservations Sun-Thurs for parties of 5 or more.

Try the Southern BBQ Beef served with watermelon. Rough, undecorated atmosphere. Interesting beer selection. Dinner about \$15, \$9 minimum. (1987)

**Edibles**

*Salads, American, Bakery*

329 Harvard St., Brookline; 232-8835; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; Mon-Fri 7am-11:30pm, Sat-Sun 9am-12m; no credit cards; no reservations.

A lot of good vegetarian food, some chicken. Bakery with yummy desserts. Salads. Dinner about \$5. (1984)

**El Phoenix Room**

*Mexican*

1430 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton; 566-8590; MBTA: green line to Boston College; 11am-10pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Loud environment but good service. Good Mexican food with bite. Good beer selection. Some American dishes. 1/3 vegetarian. Entrees about \$5. (1984)

*I love you as New Englanders love pie.*

— Donald Robert Perry Marquis

**Elsie's**

*Sandwiches*

71-A Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge; 354-8781; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 7am-12m daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Generous, tasty sandwiches. Very cheap. Best cheap breakfast around. A landmark for Cambridge college students. Tacky, classic atmosphere. (1988)

**Emack & Bolio's**

*Ice Cream*

1310 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 497-5362; red line to Harvard; 9 Babcock St., Brookline; 738-6441; 290 Newbury St., Boston; 247-8772; no credit cards; no reservations.

Among the top four homemade ice cream shops, but the ice cream isn't homemade. The original Oreo isn't very good, but the ice cream is generally excellent. Better than Steve's. Friendly people. Their regular flavors include banana ice cream. (1984)

**Emilio's Restaurant**

*Italian*

364 Hanover St., Boston; 367-2246; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm; MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

Small, very quaint Italian family establishment. Good quality with adequate portions. Pasta \$4-7, veal and chicken \$10-15.



**European Restaurant***Italian*

218 Hanover St., Boston; 523-5694; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11:30am-12m daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations available for weeknights.

Large restaurant with extensive menu. Good, reasonably priced (\$8 for dinner) food. Pasta is great; pizza is famous. A large group can reserve a separate room. (1986)

**Felicia's Restaurant***Italian*

145a Richmond St., Boston; 523-9885; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Mon-Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun 2pm-9pm; AE,DC; reservations 5pm-6:15 pm only.

Mostly standard Italian dishes, a few unusual ones. Good about taking large parties, although it is unusually crowded. Dinner about \$12. Right near T-stop. (1986)

**Food Etc.***Gourmet*

901 Main St., Central Sq.; 661-5810; no credit cards, no reservations.

Homemade breakfast and lunch, featuring gourmet sandwiches, salads, and hot entree specials. Take-out and catering. (1986)

**Francesco's***Italian*

90 N. Washington St., Boston; 723-9326; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Mon-Sat 11am-12m, Sun 3pm-12m; no credit cards; no reservations.

\$9-15. Best Italian food anywhere. There is nothing bad on the menu.

**Friday's***American*

26 Exeter St., Boston; 266-9040; MBTA: green line to Copley; 11:30am-12m daily; DC,CB,AE,MC; no reservations.

A 30-40 min. wait on weekends for great atmosphere, average food. Yuppie pick up place. Trendy foods, good drinks including non-alcoholic. They have a huge selection—try the burgers or the taco salad. (1988)

**Friendly Eating Place***Pizza, Salad, Grinders*

985 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-3245; MBTA: #1 bus towards Harvard; Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-1pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Standard Greek sub shop. Inexpensive food, average taste, lousy atmosphere. Try the Greek salad. (1986)

**Friendly Ice Cream***Grill, Fast Food*

190 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge; 547-0566; 7:30am-10pm daily; 207 Cambridge St., Boston; 742-2372; Mon-Fri 7am-11pm, Sat-Sun 8am-11pm; 413 Brookline Ave., Boston; no credit cards; no reservations.

Contrary to the name, the help here is rude! The hamburgers, fries, shakes, chicken, etc. are worse than average for fast food. Other locations (outside of Boston area) are said to be better. (1986)

## **Golden Gate**

*Chinese*

66 Beach St., Boston; 338-8032; MBTA: orange line to Essex; Sun-Thurs 10am-3am; Fri-Sat 10am-3:30am; no credit cards; no reservations.

Good, no nonsense greasy spoon Chinese food. Very inexpensive, with rice plates (\$2-3) the best buys.

## **Greenhouse Coffee Shop**

*American*

3 Brattle St., Cambridge; 354-3184; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 6:45am-11pm daily; no credit cards; reservations available.

Standard coffee shop fare served in a greenhouse atmosphere. Generous portions; reasonable prices; good food. (1986)

## **Grendel's Den**

*European*

89 Winthrop St., Cambridge; 491-1050; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Sun-Thurs 10:30am-11pm, Fri-Sat 10:30am-12m; AE,CB,DC,MC,V; reservations recommended for weekend evenings.

Cheap food but not very interesting. Serves a variety of French, Italian, Middle Eastern, etc. Service is lousy. There are definitely better, more interesting places to eat in Harvard Square. (1987)

*A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine*

— Anthelm Brillat — Saverin

## **The Ground Round**

*Grill, American*

800 Boylston St., Boston; 247-0500; green line to Prudential; other Boston locations.

Good, affordable food (\$5 for dinner). The big burgers are recommended. (1986)

## **Guadaluharry's**

*Mexican*

20 Clinton St., Boston; 720-1190; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-12m, Fri-Sat 11:30am-12m; AE,MC,V; reservations available Sun-Thurs.

Non-authentic Mexican food for a yuppie crowd. Moderately high prices. Standard fare for this sort of restaurant. Anything made with shredded beef is really good, however. (1986)

## **Haagen-Dazs**

*Ice Cream*

67 JFK St., Cambridge; 497-6552; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 520 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 536-1661; MBTA: green line to Kenmore; 123 Mt. Vernon St., Boston; 720-1360; MBTA: red line to Charles; no credit cards; no reservations.

Expensive but delicious natural ice cream. Less creative flavors than other local ice cream places. (1986)

## **Harvard Bookstore Cafe**

*Modern American*

190 Newbury St., Boston; 536-0095; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Sat 8am-10:30pm, Sun 11:30am-3:30pm; AE,MC,V; no reservations.

Delicious fresh food in a bookstore. Regular menu and specials available. Everything is recommended. The prices are high (\$15 for a complete dinner), but it is worth it. Artsy crowd. Wide variety of food — chicken, fish, desserts. (1986)



**Harvest Restaurant***French-Nouvelle*

44 Brattle St., Cambridge; 492-1115; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Sun-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-10:30pm, Sat-Sun 12n-3pm; MC,V,AE,DC; reservations recommended.

Trendy food for an intellectual group. Artfully prepared and presented. You pay for the quality and atmosphere: about \$15-20 for dinner. Try the specials. (1986)

**Herrell's Ice Cream***Ice Cream*

15 Dunster St., Harvard Sq.; 497-2179; other Boston locations.

Started out as Steve Herrell's second ice cream enterprise. The chocolate pudding flavor is fantastic! The Harvard Sq. store is in an old bank and there are seats *in* the vault. (1986)

**Hi-Fi Pizza and Giant Sub***Pizza, Subs*

496 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 492-4600; MBTA: red line to Central; Mon-Thurs 10am-3am, Fri-Sat 10am-4am, Sun 12n-3am; no credit cards, no reservations.

Edible pizza, subs, no delivery. (1984)

**Hilltop Steak House***Steak*

855 Route 1, Saugus; 233-7700; car needed; 11am-11pm daily; no credit cards, no reservations.

This place is a classic. It seats about a billion, but expect a wait which could be long. Lots of food — salad, huge portions of red meat, etc., at reasonable (\$8) prices. Rare means raw. Everyone should go here at least once.

**Hong Kong Restaurant***Chinese*

1236 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 864-5311; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Tues-Thurs & Sun 11:30am-1:45am, Fri-Sat 11:30am-2:15am; no credit cards, reservations recommended.

You'll know you're there when you arrive at the pink eyesore of Harvard Sq. Pretty average Chinese food, but you can do better closer to MIT. Good variety on menu. Quite a bar (bring I.D.'s). Try the Scorpion Bowl. (1986)

**Houlihan's***American*

60 State St., Boston; 367-6377; MBTA: green line to Government Center; Mon-Thurs 11:15am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:15am-12m, Sun 11:15am-10:30pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

**Imperial Restaurant***Pizza*

238 Harvard St., Brookline; 731-3322; Mon-Sat 10am-12m, Sun 4pm-11pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Okay pizza. they deliver. Service much better than at Pizza Pad. (1984)

**Indian Globe***Indian*

474 Mass. Ave., Central Square; 868-1866; 12pm-3pm, 5-10:30pm.

**Indian Pavilion Restaurant**

*Indian*

17 Central Sq., Cambridge; 5647-7463; MBTA: red line to Central; 12n-3pm and 5pm-11pm daily; V,MC; no reservations.

Good, authentic Indian food. Dinner is about \$10. Portions are small, so you may want to get an appetizer. The restaurant is often crowded, and you should expect a wait on Fri and Sat nights. Friendly service. Try Thali (vegetarian) or XXXXX Vindaloo (very hot) dishes and the mango milkshake. (1986)

**India Restaurant**

*Indian*

1780 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 354-0949; MBTA: red line to Porter; 11:30am-2pm and 5pm-10pm daily; V,MC,AE,CB,DC; reservations available for parties larger than 4.

Very good Indian food. Some dishes can be really spicy. Short or no wait. About \$8 for dinner. (1986)

**International House of Pancakes**

*American, Breakfast*

1850 Soldier's Field Road, Brighton; 787-0533; MBTA: Oak Sq. bus from Central Sq.; 24 hrs. daily; V,MC; 149 Harvard St., Brookline; 566-5617; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; 24 hrs. daily; V,MC; 619 Concord Ave., Cambridge; 547-9650; MBTA: Belmont Center bus from Harvard Sq., Sun-Thurs 7am-10pm, Fri-Sat 24 hrs; MC,V.

Average food for about \$5. Good if you feel like eating breakfast food or if you're hungry in the middle of the night. (1986)

**Iruña**

*Spanish*

56 Boylston St., Cambridge; 354-8576; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sat 12n-2pm, Mon-Thurs 6pm-9pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-10pm; no credit cards, reservations for parties larger than 2.

This restaurant has one of the most interesting and appetizing selections of food. For under \$10 you can get a great meal consisting of nothing you've ever had before. For \$2.50, you can get a quart of their homemade sangria. Extremely crowded — be prepared for a long wait.

**JC Hillary's**

*American*

793 Boylston St., Boston; 536-6300; MBTA: green line to Copley; Sun 11am-11pm, Mon 11:30-11pm, Tues-Wed 11:30am-12m, Thurs-Sat 11:30am-12:30am; AE,DC,CB,MC,V; no reservations.

Very pleasant, not cheap. Gay 90's-ish place that is very "in-vogue." \$4-8. Worth going to, especially on dates.

**Jacob Wirth Restaurant**

*German*

31 Stuart St., Boston; 338-8586; MBTA: green line to Boylston; 11am-12m daily; MC,V,AE,DC; reservations recommended for weekends.

Germanesque restaurant with good food from sandwiches to prime rib. Excellent strudel. Lunchtime crowds can be annoying.



*I seldom went to bed before two or three in the morning, on the theory that if anything of interest were to happen to a young man, it would almost certainly happen late at night*

— E. B. White

### **Jimmy's Harbor Side Restaurant**

*Seafood*

248 Northern Ave., Boston; 423-1000; MBTA: red line to South Station; Mon-Sat 11:30am-9:30pm; AE,MC,V,DC,DC; reservations recommended for groups of 3 or more.

Not as good as Anthony's Pier 4, but the idea and location is similar. Dinner about \$18. Nice atmosphere and view. The owner is Greek, and there are a few great Greek dishes. (1986)

### **Joe Tecce's Ristorante & Cafe**

*Italian*

61 N. Washington St., Boston; 742-6210; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11am-3pm daily, Sun-Thurs 4pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 4pm-11:30pm; DC,AE; reservations available.

Good, not great, Italian restaurant. \$5-7. No desserts. Warning: there is no sign in front of the restaurant; it's a blue brick building on the corner of Washington and Cooper.

### **Joey's Ice Cream**

*Ice Cream*

1161 Broadway, Somerville; 623-94302; Mon-Thurs 4pm-11pm, Fri 4pm-12m, Sat 12n-12m, Sun 12n-11pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Although the homemade ice cream is excellent, the reason for making the trip here is the wonderful make-your-own sundae bar with things from hot fudge and crushed cookies to fresh whipped cream. Nice, original decor; reasonable prices. (1986)

### **Jonah's Seafood Cafe**

*High Class*

575 Memorial Dr., Cambridge; 492-1234; 7am-11:30pm daily; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations recommended for Saturday.

This restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Hotel does some pretty interesting things to seafood and charges you for the privilege of tasting nice-sized portions of them. \$10 minimum. The view and atmosphere are worth going for (the food is okay), but for great seafood there are many better places. The all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch at \$15.50 a person is worth it. From scrambled eggs to Seafood Newburg and everything in between. (1984)

### **Joyce Chen Restaurant**

*Chinese*

390 Rindge Ave., Cambridge; 492-7373; MBTA: bus #83 from Central Sq.; Sun-Thurs 12n-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 12n-11:30pm; MC,V,AE; reservations available for parties of 5 or more.

Very good Chinese food. Everything is very flavorful, but some is not well-prepared. About \$8 for dinner. Expect a short wait. (1986)

### **Kabuki Restaurant**

*Japanese*

24 Pearl St., Cambridge; 491-4929; MBTA: red line to Central; Thurs-Sat 5pm-10pm; V,CM; no reservations.

Delicious Japanese food. Try the combination dinner (they'll feed you until you're full). Friendly service — they really care about students and offer them a 10% discount before 6pm. Dinner \$8-\$10. Very short wait. (1986)

**Kai-Seki Restaurant**

*Japanese*

132 Newbury St., Boston; 247-1583; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Thurs 5:30pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm, Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm; V,MC; reservations recommended for Fri and Sat nights.

Most authentic Japanese food in the area. Very, very expensive. The tea ceremony on Sunday costs \$20 per person. Groups of fewer than 10 get merged. (1984)

**Kebab-N-Kurry**

*Indian*

30 Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 536-9835; MBTA: #1 bus to Boston; 5pm-10:30pm daily, Mon-Sat 12n-3pm; V,AE,MC,DC; reservations available.

Good food. Mostly curry, BYOB. Try the Chicken Korma. (1984)

**Ken's Pub**

*American*

684 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 868-5640; MBTA: red line to Charles; Sun-Wed 11am-1am, Thurs-Sat 11am-2am; AE,V,MC; no reservations.

Cheap, disgusting food in a loud, smoke filled room. Below average service. Maybe the drinks are worthwhile . . . ? (1986)

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**

*Fast Food, Chicken*

168 Hampshire St., Cambridge; 547-8615; other Boston locations.

**The King and I**

*Thai*

145 Charles St., Boston; 227-3320; MBTA: red line to Charles; Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:45pm, Sun-Thurs 5pm-9:45pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-10:30pm; V,MC; no reservations.

Good food for about \$6 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. Try the hot and sour shrimp soup or the chicken salad. The wait can be long. (1986)

**King Fung Garden**

*Chinese*

74 Kneeland St., Boston; 357-5262; (see below for reason other information is unobtainable).

The hole-in-the-wall, more popularly called "Brezhnev's" after the cook, seats 9 in a converted gas station. Heavily patronized by Senior House and TEP, it is entirely devoid of atmosphere. The employees speak no English. The northern (Shan Xi) cuisine is rare in Boston and is very good. It is possible to eat a full meal on anything between \$3-13. (1986)

**Kon Tiki Restaurant**

*Polynesian*

39 Dalton St., Boston; 262-3063; MBTA: green line to Prudential; Mon-Sat 5pm-11:30pm; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations available.

Once you get past the bar, which serves tasty exotic drinks, you end up in a most interesting Polynesian establishment with an extensive menu of reasonable food. \$8-15 for a complete dinner. Drinks are the strong point; there is no weak point.

**Korea House**

*Korean*

20 Pearl St., Cambridge; 492-9643; MBTA: red line to Central; Mon-Wed 5pm-10pm, Thurs-Sat 12n-10pm, Sun 3pm-10pm; V,MC; reservations available.

A very small restaurant. Food is O.K., but not great, and portions are small. Dinner is about \$8. There can be a short wait. (1986)



**Kyoto Restaurant***Japanese*

267 Huntington Ave., Boston; 536-9295; MBTA: green line to Symphony; 5pm-10:30pm daily, no credit cards; reservations available.

Small Japanese restaurant with an emphasis on **nabe** (casserole) dishes. Good sushi and sashimi. Very friendly service. \$5-11.

**La Groceria Italian Restaurant***Italian*

853 Main St., Cambridge; 547-9258; MBTA: red line to Kendall; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm, MC,V,AE; reservations for parties of 6 or more.

Good food in a nice atmosphere. About \$6 for lunch and up to \$20 for dinner. It can be very busy on the weekends. The fettucini is recommended, although everything is pretty good. (1986)

**Lai Lai Chinese Seafood Restaurant***Chinese*

Central Sq., Cambridge; 876-7000; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Thurs 12n-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 9am-10:30pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations for parties of 6 or more.

The food is pretty good but not worth the price — about \$12 for dinner. They serve a wide range of dishes including some exotic and unusual Chinese seafood dishes. Very interesting dim sum for lunch. This restaurant is huge, and there is no wait. (1986)



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16 Eliot St., Cambridge; 354-8400; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Tues 11:30am-9pm, Wed-Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun 5pm-9:30pm; no credit cards; reservations recommended Thurs-Sat.

BYOB. Not-spicy Mexican food for about \$5.

**Latacarta**

*Natural*

95b Winthrop St., Cambridge; 354-0365; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 12n-9pm daily; MC,V,AE; reservations recommended for weekends.

Natural foods. Great for vegetarians. Expensive.

**Latino Restaurant**

*Mexican*

19 Brookline Ave., Cambridge; 492-5544; MBTA: red line to Central; Mon-Thurs 5:30pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11:30pm; MC,V,DC,AE; reservations recommended for weekends.

Mediocre to good Mexican food with some Cuban specialties. Great garlic chicken. Nice atmosphere (guitar serenades). Avoid red sauces, as they taste Italian. \$5-7 for generous portions. (1984)

**Legal Sea Foods**

*Seafood*

5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge; 864-3400; MBTA: red line to Kendall; 43 Boylston St., Brookline; 277-7300; MBTA: green line to Chestnut Hill; Park Plaza Hotel, Boston; 426-4444; green line to Arlington; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations for parties of 8 or more.

Delicious seafood — everything is recommended, especially the fish chowder. Dinner can cost about \$20, and the wait can be up to an hour. Try the less expensive but also very good take-out fish and chips and other dishes. Big menu & big wine list. Quality of service varies. Try this at least once; it is a Boston institution. (1986)

**L'Espalier**

*French*

30 Gloucester, Boston; 262-3023; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; Mon-Sat 6pm-10pm; AE,V,CB,DC,MC; reservations recommended.

Fabulous French food, good atmosphere, excellent service, but the price (\$25+) prohibits frequent visits. Great place to take someone you want to impress.

*Oats—a grain which in England is given to horse but in Scotland supports the people.*

— Samuel Johnson

**Locke-Ober Cafe**

*High Class*

3 Winter Place, Boston; 542-1340; MBTA: red line to Park; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-10:30pm, Sun 5pm-10pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

Very expensive (\$25+), elegant restaurant. Exceptional food and great atmosphere. "Get mom and dad to take you to this pricy place." Try the beef stroganoff, the salmon, and the Seafood Newburg. Save room for dessert! (1986)



**Lucky Dragon Restaurant***Chinese*

45 Beach St., Boston; 542-0772; MBTA: orange line to Essex; 11am-3am daily; MC,V; reservations accepted.

Located in Chinatown, this restaurant serves some of the best Chinese food around. There can be a bit of a wait. Dinner is about \$8. Try the cashew chicken and oyster sauce beef, or bring someone who reads & speaks Chinese and get the specials. (1986)

**Magic Pan Restaurant***Crepes*

47 Newbury St., Boston; 267-913; MBTA: green line to Copley; Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-9pm; AE,V,MC,CB,DC; reservations available for week-days; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; 523-6103; MBTA: green line to Government Center; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11:30am-9pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended for weekends.

Good selection of delicious fillings in white flour crepes. The desserts are better than the entrees. A filling meal costs up to \$10. Delicious seasonal specialty drinks like hot chocolate with peppermint schnapps. (1984)

**Maison Robert***High Class*

45 School Street, Boston; 227-3370; MBTA: red line to Park; Mon-Fri 12n-2:30pm and 5:30pm-9:30pm, Sat 6pm-10:30pm; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

Expensive but luscious. Superb fowl. Food cooked tableside in upstairs dining room. \$25 easily, probably more for dinner, about half that for lunch. (1984)

**Mandalay Burmese Restaurant***Burmese*

329 Huntington Ave., Boston; 247-2111; MBTA: green line to Northeastern; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10:30pm, Fri 11:30am-11:30pm, Sat 5pm-11:30pm, Sun 5pm-10:30pm; MC,V; reservations recommended for weekends; 143 First St., Cambridge; 876-2111; MBTA: green line to Lechmere; Mon-Fri 11am-10:30pm, Sat 5:30pm-11pm, Sun 5:30pm-10:30pm; MC,V; reservations available.

Good food for about \$12 for dinner. Tastes like a cross between Chinese and Indian food. Some spicy food, especially with curry. Try the hot and sour soup (very different from Chinese) and the fish dishes. Rating applies to Huntington Ave. restaurant; the one in Cambridge is rumored to be not as good. (1986)

**Mandarin Restaurant***Chinese*

332 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 497-1544; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations available.

Good, reasonably priced Chinese food. The buffet and lunch specials are especially recommended. About \$4 for lunch, \$7 for dinner. Usually no wait. (1986)

**Mandarin Taste Restaurant***Chinese*

335 Harvard St., Brookline; 566-8410; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; Sun-Thurs 11:45am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:45am-12m; V,MC; no reservations.

Very complete menu of Mandarin, Szechuan, Hunan, Cantonese, Mu Hsu, and San Francisco style food. Dishes \$7-12. One of the best in the area. No MSG! (1984)

**Mary Chung Restaurant**

*Chinese*

447 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 864-1991; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Mon and Wed-Thurs 11:30am-9:45pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-10:45pm; no credit cards, no reservations.

Lots of MIT students wait up to 1/2 hour for this delicious food. Lunch is about \$5, dinner about \$8. If you enjoy spicy food, try the Suan la chow show (extra hot if you're extra daring). The Peking ravioli, dun dun noodles, and orange sauce chicken are also very good. This place is very small and always crowded. You may want to get take out food, but the wait for it is also long. (1986)

**Matsu-Ya Restaurant**

*Korean, Japanese*

1790 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 491-5091; MBTA: red line to Porter; Sun-Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm; MC,V; reservations recommended for weekends.

Very good Korean and Japanese food. Dinner is about \$12. Authentic straw mats — take off your shoes and sit on the floor. Noodle dishes and sushi both recommended. (1986)

**McDonalds**

*Fast Food, Grill*

463 Mass. Ave., Central Square; 547-9251; other Boston locations.

**Medieval Manor**

*Medieval*

246 East Berkeley, Boston; 423-4900; MBTA: green line to Arlington; one seating Mon-Wed and Fri-Sun; reservations required far in advance.

Dinner and show for between \$19 and \$25, depending on the night. (Parties of 10 or more add \$2 service fee per person). Includes beer, wine and cider, mixed drinks available for extra. Employees sing and dance, and you can watch each other eat without utensils. Plenty of food. Patrons must be of drinking age. No smoking. Everyone should go once. (1986)

*He who comes first, eats first.*

— Eike von Repkow

**Michael's Waterfront**

*Seafood*

85 Atlantic Ave., Boston; 367-6425; MBTA: blue line to Aquarium; 5:30pm-10:30 daily; MC,V,AE; reservations recommended.

**Middle East Restaurant**

*Middle Eastern*

4 Brookline St., Cambridge; 354-8238; MBTA: red line to Central; 9:30am-about 1am daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations available.

\$5-7 for excellent-sized servings of Middle Eastern food. \$2 for fair falafel. Lentil soup is worth a try.

**Milk Street Cafe**

*Kosher*

101 Main St., Cambridge; 491-8286; MBTA: red line to Kendall; no reservations.

Cafeteria style, fairly good salads and such, served in a pleasant pastel setting. \$3-5. (1987)



**Mississippi's***Sandwiches*

484 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 247-8181; MBTA: green line to Kenmore; Mon-Fri 11am-11pm, Sat-Sun 12n-11pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

50 clever combination sandwiches, good soup, excellent chili and moosejuice frappes. Sandwiches cost \$3-4. A bit expensive for deli food, but delicious. (1984)

**Miyako Japanese Restaurant***Japanese*

468 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 236-0222; MBTA: green line to Kenmore; Mon-Thurs 5:30pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm, Sun 5:30pm-10pm; MC,V; reservations recommended for Fri-Sat.

Standard Japanese fare with some unusual dishes. Really beautiful, creatively done sushi. Complete meal for \$7-12. Very friendly service. (1984)

**Modern Times Café***American, International*

134 Hampshire St., Cambridge; 354-8371; Tues-Sun 11:30am-11:30pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

An interesting hole-in-the-wall place. The food is good and varied. There are a lot of vegetarian dishes. Dinner about \$7. Outdoor seating available. Homemade desserts are worth trying. (1986)

**Montana's***Italian*

160 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 536-3556; MBTA: green line to Copley; 11:30am-2:30pm and 5pm-10:30pm or 12m daily; AE,V,DC,MC; reservations available except for Fri night and Sun brunch.

Italian continental cuisine. Scampi is great; nothing is bad. Good sandwiches and platters.

**Moon Villa of Chinatown***Chinese*

23 Edinborough St., Boston; 423-2061; MBTA: orange line to Essex; 9:00am-4am daily, no credit cards, no reservations.

Extensive Cantonese menu. Very good and quite authentic. Black bean sauce is out-of-this-world!

**Mother Anna's***Italian*

211 Hanover St., Boston; 523-8496; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm, 5pm-11:30pm daily; AE; reservations recommended for Fri-Sat.

A good Italian restaurant. The menu carries fairly standard fare. The food is really well prepared and reasonably priced, \$8-15. (1984)

**Mug-N-Muffin***American, Grill*

1382 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 547-9147; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Fri 6:30am-11pm, Sat-Sun 6:30am-10pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

**New Asia Restaurant***Chinese*

326 Somerville Ave., Somerville; 628-7710; MBTA: Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 3pm-10pm; no credit cards; reservations recommended for parties larger than 5.

Good Chinese food. Portions are large and relatively inexpensive (lunch \$5, dinner \$8). Try the Hunan chicken, Peking ravioli. There may be a short wait. (1986)

**New Korea Restaurant**

*Korean*

1281 Cambridge St., Cambridge; 876-6182; Mon-Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 12n-10pm; MC,V,AE; reservations available.

Very authentic Korean food. Huge servings including side dishes of Kim Chee, bean sprouts, and watercress with all dinners. The food is delicious, donkatsu and bibim pabp are recommended. Expect a short wait on weekend nights. (1986)

**Newbury's Steak House**

*Steak, American*

94 Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 536-0184; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 12n-12m daily; MC,V,AE,CB,DC; reservations for parties of 5 or more.

Good food for about \$8 for dinner. The salad bar is especially good and is included with entrees. (1986)

**Newtowne Grill & Steak House**

*Italian, American*

1945 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 661-0706; MBTA: red line to Porter; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11:30pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Good food for about \$7 for lunch, \$10 for dinner. Try the chicken parmigiana special. Smoking section not well separated. 15 min. wait. (1986)

**Newtowne Variety**

*Grinders*

93 Windsor St., Cambridge; 868-5112; MBTA: red line to Kendall; Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 8am-5pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Located in the corner of a neighborhood market, this place sells cheap (less than \$3), large subs. The wait is short even if the line is long. Average quality. Try tuna or chicken cutlet subs. (1986)

**No-Name Restaurant**

*Seafood*

15 1/2 Fish Pier, Boston; 338-7539; MBTA: red line to South Station & long walk; Mon-Sat 11am-10pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Cheap, no frills seafood. Huge portions. Soda in bottles or BYOB. Speedy service, but still the place is packed and there is often a long line. It is very hard to find the restaurant, but the food and chaotic atmosphere make it worth trying. (1986)

**Oh Calcutta Indian Restaurant**

*Indian*

468 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 576-2111; MBTA: red line to Central; 12n-10:30 daily; MC,V; reservations available for large parties.

**Panache Restaurant**

*High Class*

798 Main St., Cambridge; 492-9500; MBTA: red line to Kendall; Tues-Sat 6pm-10pm; AE,MC,V,DC,CB; reservations recommended.

Delicious contemporary food served in an elegant atmosphere. Dinner is over \$20 but worth it. Everything is good. Make reservations well in advance. (1986)



**Papa Gino's***Pizza*

596 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 492-0881; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

*There will be no beams in the Almost Perfect State.*

— Donald Robert Perry Marquis

**Papillon Gourmet Café***International*

1353-B Beacon St., Brookline; 566-8495; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; Sun-Mon 5pm-11pm, Tues-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12m; Sun 11am-4:30pm; V,MC,AE,D; reservations recommended for Fri-Sat nights.

Café, mostly crepes and cheese/vegetable plater for \$4-8. Seafood and veal for \$7-13. Often jazz entertainment. Non-smoking section. (1984)

**Parker's Restaurant***High Class*

60 School St., Boston; 227-8600; MBTA: red line to Park; Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm and 5:30pm-10pm, Sat 6pm-10:30pm, Sun 6pm-10pm; AE,MC,DC,CB,V; reservations necessary.

An elegant, worthwhile experience if you're willing to spend the money (\$4.25 for escargots, \$33 for Chateaubriand for two). For the cheap (?) among you, the Sunday brunches at \$9.50 are well worth it, with almost anything your heart desires and as much of it as you can eat.

**Passage to India***Indian*

1900 Mass. Ave., Cambridge; 497-6113; MBTA: red line to Porter; 11:30am-11:00pm, Sun no lunch; V,MC; reservations accepted.

Extremely good Indian food in Cambridge at reasonable cost. (1987)

**Peking Duck Restaurant***Chininese*

485 Massachusetts Av., Cambridge; 491-6725; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm; MC,V,AE; reservations available.

Worse than most nearby Chinese places, but they have cheap (\$3) lunch specials and a buffet if you're really hungry. (1986)

**Peppercorn's***American*

154 Prospect St., Cambridge; 661-2022; Mon-Wed 11:30am-10pm, Thu-Sat 11:10am-11pm, Sunday Brunch 9:30am-2:30pm; V,MC; reservations accepted.

Good cheap American food at a reasonably nice place. A short walk from MIT.

**Pizza Pad, Inc.***Pizza*

540 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 536-0559; 11am-3am daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

Okay pizza. They deliver. (1984)

### **Pizza Pad**

*Pizza*

272 Cambridge St., Boston; 720-0692; MBTA: red line to Charles; 10:30am-3am no credit cards; no reservations.

Typical New York Italian greasy but delicious pizza place. Well worth the walk over the Longfellow bridge. (1987)

### **Pizzeria Regina**

*Pizza*

Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; 227-8180; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12m; no credit cards; off-peak reservations available to huge groups.

4-10 Holyoke St., Cambridge; 864-9279; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sat 11am-12m, Sun 3pm-11pm; no credit cards; reservations for large groups only.

Boston's best-hyped basic thin-crust pizza. Beer & wine available. Long lines at Faneuil Hall.

### **Pizzeria Uno**

*Pizza*

22 Boylston, Harvard Square; 497-1530; other Boston locations. Sun-Wed 11am-12:30am, Thurs-Sat 11am-1am.

Deep dish pizza with a large variety of toppings. It is easy to get stuffed (and inexpensive, about \$5 for lunch or dinner). Always crowded, expect a 15 min. or more wait. Students and business people are the major patrons. (1986)

### **Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken**

*Fast Food*

539 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 536-8800; MBTA: green line to Kenmore 19 White Ave., Cambridge; 492-6576; MBTA: red line to Porter no credit cards; no reservations.

New Orleans style spicy chicken. The best of the fast food chicken. Also good nuggets and biscuits. Kenmore Square has student discounts.

### **Premier Restaurant**

*Cafeteria-style, Jewish*

1130 Washington St., Boston; 426-2218; Sun-Fri 5am-5pm, Sat 5am-4pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Beer and wine available with your good Jewish food. Good omelettes, latkes, blintzes, roast beef, corned beef, etc. Desserts are top quality, like everything else in this restaurant. Note the availability of great horseradish to garnish food. \$2-4 for lots of food.

### **Rib Room**

*American*

5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge; 491-3600; MBTA: green line to Lechmere; Sun-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Sat 6pm-11pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

This hotel restaurant has an exceptional view of Boston. Food all is marginal, except the prime ribs, which have three sizes, the largest being one pound for \$11.50. With your meat you get a nice baked potato and a horrendous popover. No bargains to be found at this establishment. Desserts taste like Sara Lee. For \$15 a head, you decide.

### **Rita's Place**

*Italian, Bakery*

88 Winnismmet St., Chelsea; 884-9010; car needed; Mon-Fri 11:30am-3pm, Fri-Sat 6:30pm-8:30pm; AE,DC; reservations necessary.



Full ten or eleven course Italian restaurant for a fixed price of \$14.50 plus tax and tip. Unlimited house wine included. Reservations well in advance a must. Private groups of 20 or more can get reservations to dine on weekday nights.

**Ritz-Carlton Dining Room**

*High Class*

15 Arlington St., Boston; 536-5700; MBTA: green line to Arlington; Mon-Sat 12n-2:30pm, Sun-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm, Sun brunch 11am and 1:30pm seatings; DC,AE,MC,V; reservations recommended.

Excellent hotel food. Drinks are small and expensive. The seafood is the best, soups are poor. Vegetables are evenly breaded and dried out. Dessert prices are too high (\$10 for a souffle?) Don't forget your tie and jacket!

**Roka**

*Japanese*

18 Eliot St., Cambridge; 661-0344; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm, Tues-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, Sun and Tues-Thurs 5:30pm-10pm; V,MC,AE; no reservations.

A la carte sushi bar where you can select what you want. Also has variations on tempura, teriyaki, and nabe (stewed) dishes. Be careful not to over-order; one nabe dish can feed two people. Watch the sushi maker's show while you wait. Lunch specialties \$2.50-4.50, dinner \$5-12. Very, very crowded.

**The Romagnoli's Table**

*Italian*

5 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; 367-9114; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11:30am-10pm daily; V,MC,DC; reservations recommended on weekends.

Delicious Italian food. Entrees about \$10. Nice atmosphere. Try it. (1984)

**Rosie's Bakery and Dessert Shop**

*Bakery, Ice Cream*

243 Hampshire St., Cambridge; 491-9488; 7:30am-12m daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

The best bakery goods in the Boston area. You pay for them, however. Everything is good, but the carrot cake, cream cheese brownies, and velvet underground cake are especially recommended. They also serve Haagen Dazs ice cream and beverages. The goodies are worth the walk to Inman square. (1986)

**Royal East**

*Chinese*

792 Main St., Cambridge; 661-1660; MBTA: red line to Central; Sun-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat 11am-11pm; MC,V,DC,AE; reservations recommended between 7 and 9pm.

One of the two places near MIT that serve suan la chow show, but it is not as good as at Mary Chungs. About \$5 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. A 10-15 min. wait to be seated. (1986)

**Rubin's Kosher Delicatessen and Restaurant**

*Kosher, Deli*

500 Harvard St., Brookline; 566-8761; MBTA: green line to Harvard St.; Sun-Thurs 11am-8pm; no credit cards, no reservations.

Kosher deli and restaurant good enough for New York. About \$6. Yummy! (1984)

**Rudi's French Bakery**

*American, Cafeteria*

279 Newbury St., Boston; 536-8882; Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 9am-7pm; AE,V,MC; no reservations.

A take out gourmet shop. Some outdoor seats. Everything is very good. The fruit tarts and other desserts are highly recommended. Pasta salads and roast beef sandwiches with herbed cheese are also especially tasty. Lunch about \$5, dinner about \$7. Yuppie sort of place. (1986)

**Ruggles Restaurant**

*English Pizza*

1436 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 497-7361; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 11am-11pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations; 365 Washington St., Boston; 338-7981; MBTA: red line to Washington; Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 12n-7pm; no credit cards; reservations for large groups only.

**S&S Deli Restaurant**

*American*

1334 Cambridge St, Cambridge; 354-0620; Mon-Fri 7-12 Sat 8-12; no credit cards; reservations only for large groups.

Standard American food at good prices and good atmosphere. However, often crowded and slow service during the weekend. (1987)

**Saffi's New Orleans North**

*Creole*

835 Beacon St., Boston; 424-6995; Mon-Thurs 5pm-1pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 4pm-10pm, Tues-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm; MC,V,AE; reservations available except Friday and Saturday nights.

Good Creole food. Some spicy dishes; all are very tasty. Has no smoking section. The front of the place is a bar with a jazz band playing late on weekends; the back is a very nice restaurant. Serves Sunday brunch. Dinner about \$12. (1986)

*There's no sauce in the world like hunger.*

— Cervantes

**Salty Dog**

*Seafood*

Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston; 742-2094; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11:30am-10pm daily; MC,V,AE; no reservations.

Wet, slippery raw oyster, littlenecks, cherrystones. Also many, many different kinds of fish fried or broiled. WARNING: this is an authentic New England seafood restaurant — intestines and other guts are not removed from the shellfish; you are expected to eat them. Hot sauce helps. Also serves Sunday brunch — seafood omelets and champagne.

**Seasons Restaurant**

*American*

North & Blackstone, Boston; 523-3600; Mon-Fri 7am-10:30am and 12n-12:30pm and 6pm-10pm, Sat 7am-1pm and 6pm-10:30pm, Sun 7am-11am and 12n-3pm and 6pm-9:30pm; MC,V,AE,CB.DC; reservations recommended.



**Siam Garden**
*Thai*

45 1/2 Mt. Auburn, Cambridge; 354-1718; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sun 5-10:30; AE, V, MC; reservations only Sun-Thurs.

Amazing atmosphere for any restaurant, let alone Thai (This was once an expensive French place.) Best Thai in Cambridge. Try the Pru Rad Prik (Hot & Spicy Fish). (1987)

**Sol Azteca**
*Mexican*

914-A Beacon St., Boston; 262-0909; MBTA: greenline to St. Mary's; Mon-Thurs 6pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm, Sun 5pm-10pm; MC,V,AE; reservations available Mon-Thurs.

More variety in menu than Casa Mexico, but the food isn't quite as good. If you're in the neighborhood, though, it's worthwhile. Good mole poblana. Complete, very stuffing meal for \$8-18. (1984)

**Soom Thai**
*Thai*

167 Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 266-8884; MBTA: green line to Auditorium; 11:30am-2:30pm and 5pm-10pm daily; V,MC,AE; reservations recommended.

Very good, authentic Thai food. Dinner is about \$12. Has special seats on a raised platform where you can sit on the floor on cushions. (1986)

**Souper Salad**
*Soup, Salad, American*

36 Boylston St., Harvard Square; 497-6689; other Boston locations.

Salad bar is quite good and you can make a filling \$4 dinner out of it. If you have a mixed crowd of salad lovers and carnivores, this is a good place since the burgers, omlettes and soups are also quite good. (1987)

**The Spinnaker**
*High Class, American*

575 Memorial Dr., Cambridge; 492-1234; Mon-Fri 11:45am-2:30pm, 6pm-9pm daily; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations recommended.

Good view on revolving platform. You pay for it, though. The food is okay; portions are small. (1986)

**Star of Siam Restaurant**
*Thai*

93 Church St., Boston; 451-5236; MBTA: green line to Arlington; Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Thurs-Sat 5pm-10:30pm, Sun-Wed 5pm-10pm; MC,V,AE,DC; reservations for parties larger than 5. Try the masaman curry.

**Stefani House of Pizza**
*Pizza*

783 Main St., Cambridge; 491-7823; MBTA: red line to Central; Mon-Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 12n-10pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Some of the best pizza around. Sometimes they deliver. Buy 4 pizzas, get 1 free. About \$5 per person. Small place. (1986)

### Steve's

*Ice Cream*

31 Church St., Cambridge; 497-1067; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 191 Elm St., Somerville; 628-8599; MBTA: red line to Davis. 95 Massachusetts Ave., Boston; 247-9401; MBTA: green line to Arlington; 300 Harvard St., Brookline; 232-9103; MBTA: green line to Coolidge Corner; no credit cards; no reservations.

The ice cream is homemade and pretty good (some say it's best), but the quality/creativity has been declining since Steve's was bought out by a national chain. The flavor selection doesn't change much, and there's often a lot of duplication. (For example, banana, cinnamon-banana, and coffee-banana at the same time.) Some of the flavors are consistently good (oreo, banana, mint chocolate chip); some aren't. Their gimmick is the mix-in, toppings mushed into the ice cream. Very rude employees. (1984)

### Stories

*Sandwiches, Salad*

134 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 491-8866; near MIT; Mon-Fri 7am-5:30pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Good sandwich place at the corner of Mass. Ave and Vassar. Very cramped, so best to get take out. (1988)

### Stuff-its

*Pizza, Sandwiches, Pastry*

36 Boylston St., Cambridge; 497-2220; Mon-Thurs 9am-11pm, Fri-Sat 9am-12m, Sun 9am-10pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

### Swiss Alps

*Swiss*

114 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge; 354-1366; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Fri 11:30am-3pm, Sun-Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri 5pm-11pm, Sat 11am-3pm, Sun 10:30am-3pm; V,MC,AE,DC; reservations recommended for large parties.

Very nice, relaxed atmosphere. Classy but not fancy. Food is delicious and abundant. Desserts are nothing special. About \$12 for dinner. Highly recommended. (1984)

### Sze Wan

*Chinese*

302 Mass. Ave, Cambridge; 492-3170; short walk from MIT; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun 3pm-9pm.

Good chinese food, though spicy isn't very hot. (1988)

### Ta Chien

*Chinese*

18 Eliot St., Cambridge; 491-3900; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Thurs 11:30am-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-10:30pm; MC,V,AE; no reservations. 900 Beacon St., Boston; 247-3666; MBTA: green line to St. Mary's; 11:30am-11:30pm daily; MC,V,AE; reservations available.

Pretty good Mandarin food. Fast service. Some spicy food. Lunch \$5, dinner \$8. Try the two-sided pan fried noodles. The Beacon St. one is the better of the two and has wonderful shrimp dishes. (1987)

### Tatsukichi Boston

*Japanese*

189 State St., Boston; 720-2468; MBTA: blue line to State St.; Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm and 5pm-10pm; AE,JCB,V,MC,DC; reservations recommended.

Ritzy Japanese place with dance bar downstairs. Expensive. Good food.



**Thirty-Three Dunster Street***American*

33 Dunster St., Cambridge; 354-0636; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 11:30am-12:30am daily; AE,MC,V,DC; reservations for parties of 6 or more.

This is one of the most over-hyped restaurants around. Although the atmosphere is nice and the service is okay, the food is not very good, and the prices are high. Sunday brunch is a real disappointment. (1986)

**Toffs***American*

5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge; 491-3600; MBTA: red line to Kendall; 6am-11pm daily; AE,V,MC,DC; reservations accepted for parties larger than 6.

**Top of the Hub***Seafood, American, High Class*

Prudential Center, Boston; 536-1775; MBTA: green line to Prudential; Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, Sun-Thurs 5:30pm-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-10:30pm, Sun 10am-2:30pm; AE,MC,V,DC,CB; reservations recommended.

One of the best views in the area is to be found here. You pay for it, however (\$8 for lunch, \$20 for dinner). The food is average. Brunch served on Sunday, and hospitality hour Mon-Fri 4pm-7pm. (1986)

**Toscanini's Ice Cream***Ice Cream*

899 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 491-5877; MBTA: red line to Kendall; 11:30am-12m daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

The ice cream store that cares. The best ice cream around Boston is close to MIT and comes in all sorts of innovative flavors. The basics are good too. The extra toppings are good. Very pleasant employees. (1986)

**Union Oyster House***Seafood*

41 Union St., Boston; 227-2750; MBTA: green line to Haymarket; 11am-9:30pm daily; AE,V,MC,CB,DC; no reservations.

A classic — almost to par with Durgin-Park. Good food — lobster, oysters, clams. About \$8 for dinner.

**Upstairs at the Pudding***High Class, European*

10 Holyoke St., Cambridge; 864-1933; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Tues-Sat 6pm-10pm; AE,V,MC,CB,DC; reservations necessary.

Delicious expensive food in an extremely elegant atmosphere. Above Harvard's Hasty Pudding Club. Easily \$30-40 per person for French/Italian food. (1986)

**Vie de France***Bakery*

1100 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 492-7358; MBTA: red line to Harvard; Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 9am-8pm; no credit cards; no reservations.

Rude waiters but good food. Good French Rye Bread. Nice cheap place to go for Sunday brunch. (1987)

**Villa Francesca**

*Italian*

150 Richmond St., Boston; 367-2948; Mon-Thurs 5pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11:30pm, Sun 4:30pm-10pm; AE,CB,DC; reservations available except Friday and Saturday after 6:30.

Very good food; the cannolli receives rave reviews. There is always a line outside (20 min. or more). In the winter it is a cold wait but well worth it. (1986)

**The Winery**

*Seafood, Steak*

Lewis Wharf, Boston; 523-3994; MBTA: blue line to Aquarium; Mon-Fri 11:30am-4pm, Sat 12n-4pm, Mon-Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm; AE,MC,V,CB,DC; reservations for parties of 6 or more.

Excellent selection of steak and seafood at a reasonable price. All meals come with a carafe of the house wine (fair), but you might want to select from the wine list (superb). Great place for a late dinner, \$12.

*You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.*

— Dean Martin

**Woven Hose Cafe**

*Cafeteria Style, American*

1 Kendall Sq., Cambridge; 577-8444; MBTA: red line to Kendall; Mon-Fri 7am-7pm; V,MC; no reservations.

Good food for about \$7. Menu changes daily; rolls are always good and desserts are great. Less than 5 min. wait. Beer is too expensive. (1986)

**Yenching**

*Chinese*

1326 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 547-1130; MBTA: red line to Harvard; 11:30am-10:15pm daily; no credit cards; no reservations.

BYOB to this Chinese restaurant with limited menu of very interesting, tasty dishes. \$7 or less.

## On Campus Food

**MIT Food Service:**

**Walker Memorial** (Morss Hall); Monday-Friday; a la carte, deli and salad bar, standard cafeteria fare.

**Pritchett** (2nd floor at Walker); 11am-12m every day; 11am-2pm Monday-Friday also has salad bar and soup; a la carte, grill, frappes.

**Starvin' Marvin's** (at the Student Center); 7:30am-7:00pm Monday-Friday; 11am-6pm Saturday; a la carte, assorted sandwiches, salad bar, hot entree, limited standard cafeteria fare.

**McCormick**; weekdays: 7:30am-10:00am, 11:15am-1:30pm, 2:45pm-4:00pm; 5:00pm-7:00pm; a la carte; standard cafeteria fare.

**McCormick Snack Bar**; weekdays.

**Baker**; weekdays: 7:30am-9:30am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 5:00pm-8:00pm (7:00pm on Friday); Sunday: brunch and dinner; modified commons; standard cafeteria fare.

**MacGregor**; weekdays: 7:30am-9:30am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 5:00pm-7:00pm; a la carte; standard cafeteria fare.



**500 Memorial Drive;** 7:30am-9:30am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 5:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday; Sunday: brunch and dinner; standard cafeteria fare.

**Next House Snack Bar;** 7pm-11pm, Sunday-Friday; 4pm-11pm Saturday; a la carte; pizza, grill, ice cream. West campus pizza delivery all nights except Sunday.

**Lobby 7 Donut Stand;** weekdays: 7am-about 12n; donuts, croissants, coffee, juice; lobby 7 first floor.

**Architecture Coffee Stand;** weekdays: 9am-7pm; pastry, beverages, offerings vary; lobby 7 fourth floor.

**Kosher Kitchen;** Mon-Thurs 5:30pm, Friday 6:45pm (get reservations for Friday); kosher dinners, validine or cash; basement of Walker.

**24 Hour Coffeehouse;** 24 hrs, except for infrequent cleanings; bagels, donuts, juice, candy, yogurt, soup, etc.; 2nd floor student center.

**Mobile Food Wagons**

Bush Building-Lobby 13

Junction Building 12 & 4

Wiesner Courtyard

McDermott Court

*Weekdays:*

11:00am-3:00pm

9:00am-2:00pm

9:30am-2:00pm\*

9:30am-2:00pm\*

\*Fair weather days.

**Muddy Charles Pub;** Mon-Thurs 11:30am-2pm, 4pm-10pm, Fri 11:30am-11pm; beer, wine, tonic, snacks, music, atmosphere; 1st floor Walker.

**Thirsty Ear Pub;** Ashdown basement.

Food trucks in back of bldg. 66: **Blue Goose Pizza, Falafel Truck, Sandwich Truck;** weekdays 11am-2:30pm.

In front of bldg 7: falafel, pretzels.

Along by dorms; **Joe & Mike's Pizza Oven;** pizza, grinder; evenings.

*Don't panic — you can always eat at Milliways.*

— Zaphod Beeblebrox

*War is Peace*

*Freedom is Slavery*

*Commons is Edible*

— Drop poster at Freshman Picnic

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# Appendix 1—Lexicon

The following is a dictionary of MIT words, phrases, and acronyms. Terms commonly identified by either acronym or name are listed here by acronym. Alphabetically, acronyms are listed before words.

**AI** — Artificial Intelligence.

**All Tech Sing** — An annual event held every spring during Spring Weekend.

**Alumni Association President's Court** — A nice place to sit, if you can find it.

**APO** — Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity (W20-415, x3-3788).

**ASA** — Association of Student Activities.

**AWS** — Association for Women Students.

**Armadillo** — A small set of drawers common to a selected few dorms.

**bathroom** — Arts and Media Technology Building (E15)

**Beast from the East** — Resident of Second East, East Campus.

**Beaver** — MIT mascot.

**Big Sail** — The official name of the steel sculpture south of the Green Building. Site of the annual spontaneous tuition riot. Usually called Great Sail.

**Big Screw** — A 36", solid aluminum, left-handed thread, wood screw presented by APO during Spring Weekend to the faculty or staff member voted most deserving.

**Blow off** — (1) to flush. (2) to punt.

**Bomber** — Resident of Burton Third.

**Brass Rat** — Ugly hunk of gold some MIT students and alums wear on a finger.

**Bridge circuit** — A running course along the Charles River which includes the BU, Harvard, and/or Longfellow Bridges. Not to be confused with a circuit bridge.

**Bronze Bunny** — Sculpture in Lowell Court (Building 1). Officially named "Three Piece Reclining Figure, Draped."

**Bruno** — A unit of volume resulting from a piano's falling six stories onto Amherst Alley from the roof of Baker House.

**BSO** — Boston Symphony Orchestra.

**BSU** — Black Students Union.

**Bummer** — Post-choke or post-screw description of said screw or choke; in general, something not good.

**Bug** — (1) A natural or introduced flaw, often the cause of a **crash**. (2) One of our cherished friends inhabiting MIT dorms, they do not pay tuition, nor, more relevantly, rent.

**Busted** — Arrested.



**by definition** — (1) Clearly, obviously. (2) Necessarily. (3) “I can’t remember why.”

**CAP** — Committee on Academic Performance.

**CAES** — Center for Advanced Engineering Studies (Building 9).

**CAVS** — Center for Advanced Visual Studies (Building W11).

**CEP** — Committee on Educational Policy, defunct.

**CUP** — Committee on Undergraduate Program.

**ChemE** — Chemical Engineering (Course X).

**CivE** — Civil Engineering (Course I).

**CP** — Campus Police.

**Coca-Cola** — Pepsi.

**Coca-Cola Classic** — Almost The Real Thing.

**COC** — Committee on Curricula.

**COD** — Committee on Discipline.

**CSC** — Chinese Students Club.

**CVA** — Committee on the Visual Arts. Student-faculty committee responsible for the placement of “art” on campus.

**Cambridge Tool & Die** — local nerd shop; not to be confused with *Tool & Die*, an MIT “humor” magazine that is occasionally published.

**Camp Cambridge** — MIT.

**Caveat emptor** — Let the buyer beware.

**Centrex** — Central Exchange, MIT’s main phone system. Owned by Ma Bell.

**Chancellor** — The office previously held by Paul Gray. No longer exists.

**Cheney Room** — Margaret Cheney Room (3-310), for women students only.

**Chocolate City** — Top three floors of New House 1.

**Choke** — To snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

**Chorallaries** — Close-harmony vocal group.

**Compton Lecture Hall** — Room 26-100.

**Concourse** — An experimental freshman program. Prof. Jerry Lettvin (x3-3200) has more information.

**Coop** — Co-operative store. Located in Kendall Square, in Harvard Square, and at other locations. See **Shopping** section.

**Course** — (1) Department major. (2) Subject (e.g. 5.11). **Note:** the Registrar’s Office has declared (2) an invalid definition.

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**crash** — (1) To sleep in a place where one has not paid rent, such as a friend's apartment. (2) To join a party without being invited. (3) To cease functioning, as in a computer system.

**cretin** — A fool.

**crock** — (1) Something that has been botched, e.g. "What a crock." (2) Bucket, e.g., "This is a crock of shit."

**crunch** — (1) What happens at the end of the term. (2) Process mindlessly, as in number crunch.

**CSR** — Center for Space Research (Building 37).

**dl** — Dormline.

**D-Labs** — see Draper.

**DSA** — Dean for Student Affairs (7-133, x3-6776).

**DSRE** — Division for Study and Research in Education.

**DYA** — Domestic Year Away.

**Deke** — Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**dope** — (1) Marijuana, rarely other drugs. (2) Trace impurity added to pure substance to alter properties. (3) Moron (archaic).

**Dormcon** — Dormitory Council. The central dormitory governing and coordinating body.

**Dormline** — MIT dormitory telephone system.

**Double E** — See **EE**.

**Down** — (1) Feeling depressed. Said of a person. (2) Non-working, gronked. Said of a computer.

**Draper** — Formerly Instrumentation Labs. Works on inertial guidance systems, radar, etc. Divested by MIT due to student protest over a decade ago. Hires many MIT students.

**drop** — De-register for a subject during the term.

**Dweeb** — Nerd.

**EE** — Electrical Engineering, Course VI-1.

**EECS** — Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Course VI).

**ESG** — Experimental Study Group. An alternative freshman program located at 24-612. Prof. Kim Vandiver (x3-7786) has more information.

**ESP** — Education Studies Program. Runs HSSP (High School Studies Program), in which MIT students design and teach their own courses to high school students.

**Elephant** — A large piece of furniture resembling a closet common to Baker and New House.

**Emeritus** — Retired from regular service with honor. See **professor**.

**Ernie** — Resident of Burton 5. Formerly **Smoker**.



**FADC** — Friday Afternoon Drinking Club.

**FTE's** — Ask an E.

**Finboard** — Finance Board. The undergraduate body charged with proposing and administering the Undergraduate Association budget and funding student activities.

**Fishbowl** — A terminal cluster of Project Athena located off of the infinite corridor (Building 11).

**flushed** — (1) Turned down or out. Disappointed in some endeavor, usually involved in selling oneself. Example: "I got flushed at the mixer." (2) Get a reddish hue on one's face from heat, exertion or embarrassment. Example: "I got flushed at the mixer." (3) Disposed of. When said of a person, this connotes dismissal or expulsion. Example: "I got flushed at the mixer."

**Flame** — To speak obnoxiously and/or at great length.

**FPC** — Faculty Policy Committee.

**Frappe** — In New England, a snack made up of milk, syrup and ice cream. It's called a "milkshake" in the English-speaking world.

**Funny money** — Funds for computer time. *See IS.*

**G** — Graduate.

**GAMIT** — Gays at MIT. (unrelated to this book)

**GSC** — Graduate Student Council. The governing body for graduate students as a group (50-110, x3-2195).

**Generate** — Create, come up with.

**Glitch** — Bug; cause of sporadic gronkedness.

**Grease** — The governing body of an organization.

**Greasy** — Said of someone intimately involved in student activities; a denizen of Stratton 4.

**Great Sail** — *see Big Sail.*

**Green Line** — (1) One of Boston's four subway lines. (2) Former access method to the roof of the Green Building.

**Gritch** — *v.* To complain. *n.* Complaint. Not to be confused with glitch, which is the cause of a gritch.

**Grogo** — Mascot of *Technique*, the yearbook. A big ape.

**Gronked** — Kaputt, non-functioning.

**Grungy** — Grubby and dingy. What you feel like after studying 20 hours straight for a final in 85° heat.

**Hack** — *n.* A trick or prank. For example, having a balloon pop out of the field in the middle of the Hahvahd-Yale football game or getting elected UAP are fine hacks. *v.* (1) To goof off, talk randomly, just hang around. (2) To apply oneself, work hard, try earnestly. Example: a computer hacker. Also connotes fanaticism. (3) To harass somebody, whether in fun or maliciously.

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**Hacker** — (1) One who hacks. (2) One who does a lot of some activity, e.g. pinball hacker.

**Hahvahd** — The big red-brick school, both Up The Street and Up Chuck River. Little liberal arts school.

**Hahvahd Bridge** — The MassAv bridge from MIT to Boston, which measures 364.4 Smoots + 1 ear.

**HoJo** — Howard Wesley Johnson, present chairman of the MIT Corporation and former president of MIT. Reputed to be distantly related to the late ice cream and motel magnate.

**HoToGAMIT** — The old name for this book, which was always pronounced “how to gam it;” now it’s spelled that way.

**HowToGAMIT** — The new, superior name for this book.

**Hub** — Boston.

**Huntington Hall** — Room 10-250.

**IAP** — Independent Activities Period. The month of January at MIT.

**IFC** — Interfraternity Conference. The central coordinating and governing body of the fraternities. Counterpart to **Dormcon**.

**IHTFP** — (1) I Hate This Place (If you can’t figure it out, you don’t deserve to know). (2) I have truly found Paradise. (3) It’s hard to fondle penguins. (4) I help tutor freshman physics. (5) I have to forever pay. (*See TDM.*) (6) Interesting Hacks To Fascinate People. Hacking group that publishes TUNL (archaic).

**IPC** — Information Processing Center (Bldg. 11).

**IS** — Information Services (Bldg. 11).

**ISP** — Integrated Studies Program. Contact Prof. Leon Trilling (×3-7481) for more information.

**Infinite corridor** — A ¼ mile hallway through the heart of the institute.

**Infinitely** — Exceedingly, really, quite. Example: “infinitely screwed up.”

**Institute** — MIT.

**Institute Professor** — *See professor.*

**Instructor** — (1) Person who stands in front of students and lets fall pearls of wisdom. (2) Academic rank in the lower echelons of the junior faculty.

**Interphase** — An intensive summer academic program for minorities, that is designed to ease the transition from high school to MIT.

**Intuitively obvious** — (1) Too simpleminded to deserve explanation. (2) More often, too abstruse to explain if the speaker understands it at all.

**“Is this how I get to Baker House?”** — Classic line told by a freshman to a Campus Police officer when caught in the steam tunnels.

**JYA** — Junior Year Abroad.



- Jack Florey** — Mythical resident of fifth West, East Campus. It is also a hacking group.
- jock** — (1) An athletic supporter. (2) An athletic supporter. (3) Anyone who does a lot of something.
- Judcomm** — Judicial Committee, a generic term signifying a group of students charged with enforcing student laws. Usually attached to a living group.
- k** — One thousand (of anything).
- KK** — Kosher Kitchen.
- Killian Court** — Great Court.
- kiosk** — (1) One of the large cylindrical bulletin boards located in halls around the Institute. (2) A newspaper stand located in the street, such as the one at Harvard Square.
- kludge** — (1) A Rube Goldberg-style device which appears unlikely to work but does anyhow. (2) Something complex that doesn't work. Example: this definition.
- Knight** — (1) Resident of Burton Two. (2) What follows Kday.
- Kresge** — The hump between the oval and the athletic field. Used for lectures, movies, concerts, conferences, and, less frequently, skiing.
- LCS** — Laboratory for Computer Science. Interdepartmental facility devoted to research in the computer and information sciences (x3-6201). a.k.a. Hacker's Heaven.
- LSC** — Lecture Series Committee. A student non-non-profit organization that puts on movies, lectures and other entertainment for the MIT community.
- Lambchops** — Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.
- lecturer** — (1) One who lectures. (2) Low, low academic rank.
- living group** — The place where you live (may not apply for some people found in the Student Center Library).
- L-Lab** — Lincoln Laboratory, a special MIT-affiliated laboratory located in Lexington. Its specialties include optics, radio physics, data systems, radar, and re-entry systems.
- Logarhythms** — Small male vocal group.
- MBTA** — Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Operates the Boston area mass transit, well, not too horribly. Known as the "T".
- MechE** — Mechanical Engineering, Course II.
- MIT Community** — Nearly 20,000 students, faculty, researchers, staff and employees at MIT. Sometimes used more expansively to include their families and alumni.
- MITERS** — MIT Electronic Research Society.
- MITOC** — MIT Outing Club.
- MITSC** — MIT Skydiving Club.
- MITSFS** — MIT Science Fiction Society. Pronounced "mittsfiss," "mitt-siffs," or "mis-fits."
- MITV** — MITelevision.

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**MOF** — Smile and ask a Baker resident.

**MRS** — Model Rocket Society.

**MTG** — Musical Theatre Guild.

**Mariah** — A long piece of laboratory rubber tubing filled with water; useful in waterfights. Also spelled “moriah.”

**Midnight requisition** — How you get something when normal suppliers are closed.

**Milkshake** — Snack made with milk and syrup, but *no* ice cream. If you want a “milkshake,” order a frappe.

**Moat** — The wet thing wrapped around the Chapel. A good place to throw obnoxious people.

**Multics** — Multiplexed Information and Computing Service, a time-sharing computer system, reputed to be the world’s slowest.

**mumble** — A verbal expression used to replace actual mumbling.

**munge** — *v.* To mangle, mutilate, mess up badly.

**n** — A random number with various connotations. There are *n* ways to beat (or get screwed by) the system, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**NGL** — Nobody gets laid.

**nerd** (pronounced *gnurd*) — Someone who studies too much. Frequently connotes contempt. General insult noun, not necessarily unfriendly.

**non-optimal** — (1) In need of improvement. (2) Horribly bad.

**nontrivial** — (1) Very difficult. (2) Impossible. *See* **trivial**.

**Nuke** — (1) Nuclear power plant. (2) Nuclear weapon. Attack with a nuclear weapon, e.g. “Nuke’em till they glow.” (3) Damage caused by a microwave oven, e.g. “Nuke alert!” or by a jock, e.g. “He nuked my knee.”

**OR** — Operations Research.

**ORK** — Order of Random Knights, a hacking group.

**OSP** — Office of Sponsored Programs. An administrative apparatus overseeing outside research grants and works at MIT.

**Petition** — (1) *n.* A form used to request something unusual with regard to academics, such as placing out of all of your upper-class requirements. *v.* To fill out a petition form, submit it to the proper authorities, and satisfy other protocols associated with that kind of activity. (2) petition for a delay on an Incomplete, an administrative means of procrastination.

**Placement** — The process of career counseling, graduate school counseling, and finding a job (summer, temporary, or permanent). Often occurs at Placement Office.

**Player** — Resident of Burton Four.



**Postdoc** — Postdoctoral fellow.

**Postgrad** — Graduate student.

**Powertool** — *n.* An electrically operated tool. *v.* What one has to do to catch up on the entire term in any given course the night before the final exam in that course.

**Prefrosh** — Those fortunate few who are deciding whether or not to come to MIT.

**professor** — (1) Person teaching a course. (2) Academic rank with three levels (assistant, associate, full) comprising the main body of the faculty. (3) Institute Professor: Academic post recognizing exceptional distinction. The Institute Professor can work as he or she wishes on research and teaching, without regard for formal boundaries or duties. (4) Professor Emeritus: Faculty member who has reached 70 (mandatory retirement age) but who is working (legally) at up to 50% of his or her former load.

**Project Athena** — A project to integrate computers into MIT academics.

**Provost** — The senior academic officer, who assists the President of the Institute in addition to carrying on projects of his own.

**punt** — *v.t* To determine after analytical deliberation not to do something, said of something often being academic in nature. *v.i.* To be in the process of not doing something.

**quantum mechanics** — People who repair quanta.

**RA** — Research Assistant. Usually a graduate student employed by her department, receiving pay plus a tuition allowance for her research duties. Funded by outside grants.

**RLE** — Research Laboratory of Electronics, an Interdisciplinary lab in Building 38.

**ROTC** — Reserve Officer Training Corps. Military officer training program operating within MIT and some other colleges. Pronounced “rotsie.”

**random** — (1) Any. (2) Indeterminate, sometimes connoting number. (3) Without order, garbled. (4) Average person. (5) Resident of Random Hall.

**Red Staple** — Sculpture by Tang Hall. Officially named “For Marjorie.”

**rip-off** — (1) A theft. (2) Something so outrageously expensive as to be almost a theft. Example: Tickets to Bruins’ hockey games are a real rip-off.

**SAA** — Student Art Association.

**SACC** — Social Action Coordinating Committee. (obsolete)

**SAS** — Student Assistance Services.

**SCA** — Society for Creative Anachronism (archaic).

**SCC** — Student Center Committee.

**SCEP** — Student Committee on Educational Policy.

**SEG** — (CENSORED — smile and ask an upperclassman.)

**SGS** — Strategic Games Society.

**SIPB** — Student Information Processing Board. Pronounced “sip-bee.”

**Sala** — Sala de Puerto Rico. Large all-purpose room in the Student Center donated by Puerto Rico.

**SCL** — Student Center Library

**screw** — (1) Bad thing, such as the Institute Screw or “screwed to the wall.” (2) What nuns don’t do.

**scrod** — *n.* A baby codfish. Example: “I got scrod by Dining Service.” *v.* Past tense of screw. Example: “I got scrod by Dining Service.”

**secretary** — One who is paid starvation wages to run everything.

**shrink** — Psychiatrist.

**Smoker** — Outdated name for Burton Five resident. *See* **Ernie**.

**Smoot** — Unit of measurement of the Harvard Bridge.

**snow** — *v.* (1) To impress someone, such as a date. (2) Favorably confuse with a profusion of detail. *n.* (1) Brown, cold particles that cover sidewalks and gutters through Boston winters. Reputed to contain water.

**Sport Death** — Philosophy at Senior House.

**Squanch** — Resident of East Campus Third East; short fellow with picket sign and wilted flower.

**Squinto** — Nichols 2, 3, 4.

**Stratton House** — (1) Student Center (3rd, 4th, and 5th floors). (2) Not just a living group, it’s a way of life.

**Stud Center** — Student Center.

**subject** — One or two professors, N students, a room, a formal curriculum, a formal subject number, and a formal grade, except when it isn’t.

**TA** — Teaching Assistant. Usually a grad student employed by his department, receiving pay plus a tuition allowance for teaching duties. Funded by the Institute.

**TCA** — Technology Community Association. Has an office on the fourth floor of the Student Center. Operates various MIT community-related projects such as the Red Cross Blood Drives, ticket service, used-book exchange, and silk-screening facilities. Also writes and publishes *HowToGAMIT*. (W20-450, x3-4885).

**TDM** — Too Damned Much. Refers to tuition.

**TFM** — *See* TDM.

**THA** — Technology Hackers Association. A clandestine student hacking group.

**TMRC** — Tech Model Railroad Club. (pronounced “tumurk.”).

**TWO** — Technology Wives Organization. Former name of Tech Community Women.

**Tech** — *archaic*. MIT. Now called The Institute.

**Tech Talk** — The official MIT newspaper published every Wednesday.



**Tech, The** — A student written and published newspaper that appears in Lobby 7 and other random places on Tuesday and Friday.

**Technology** — Very archaic. *See Tech.*

**Tech Square** — (1) Member of the MIT Square Dancing Club. (2) Group of buildings located northeast of MIT.

**tonic** — Soda, New England-style.

**tool** — *v.* To study. *n.* (1) One who studies to an extreme. Connotes over-concentration on problem sets. Supertool: an extreme extreme. (2) MIT student. Slightly derogatory.

**Transparent Horizons** — East Campus scrapheap traditionally buried in snow each winter.

**trash** — To destroy or vandalize, especially during a riot.

**trivial** — (1) Obvious. Often said sarcastically. (2) Easy to do.

**Tuition Riot** — Traditional “spontaneous” demonstration held to celebrate a tuition increase.

**TUNL** — Technology Underground News Letter. Hacker newsletter published by IHTFP (archaic).

**turkey** — (1) A chestnut-stuffed, giblet-jammed tom gobbler. (2) One lacking common sense.

**'Tute** — MIT.

**U** — Undergraduate.

**UA** — (1) Undergraduate Association. Organization of all MIT undergraduates (W20-401). (2) Urban Action (7-141).

**UAC** — Undergraduate Association Council. Undergraduate governing, coordinating, and information-distributing agency. Consists of the sum of living group representatives.

**UAP** — Undergraduate Association President. Presides over UAC and has other random duties.

**UASO** — Undergraduate Academic Support Office. Its previous incarnations were known as OFA (Office of Freshman Advising) and FAC (Freshman Advisory Council).

**UAVP** — Undergraduate Association Vice President.

**UMOC** — Ugliest Man On Campus, beauty contest run by APO. 1¢ per vote, all going to charity. Vote early! Vote often! Vote for your roommate!

**UROP** — Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. A source of credit and dollars for many.

**Urban Action** — A student organization dedicated to community service which helps find projects for enthusiastic volunteers (20A-001, x3-2894).

**urchin** — Term, among others, for anyone (especially a high school kid) who hangs around and makes a pest of himself, frequently causing objects of value to sprout legs and walk away.

**Vardebedia** — Fifth floor of New House 4 (archaic).

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**Vigilantes** — Resident of MacGregor F-entry.

**Virjin** — resident of MacGregor J-entry.

**Women's League** — Service and social organization for all MIT Women. Formerly Tech Matrons.

**Zebe** — Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

*Alice had not the slightest idea what Latitude was, or Longitude either, but she thought they were nice grand words to say.*

— Lewis Carrol



# Appendix 2 — Miscellaneous

In this section are collected the small items which don't seem to fit in any other category. Subjects are arranged alphabetically.

## Address Change

If you change your **home address**, fill out a new address card at the Registrar's Office (E19-335).

When you change your **term address**, don't forget to notify the Information Office. It is also very useful to tell an MIT Operator (Dial O).

## Blood Drives

There are five blood drives at MIT each year: a 2-day drive during R/O week, a ten day drive in early November, a 2-day drive during IAP, a ten day drive in March, and a 1-day drive in July. The September, January, and July drives are run on a walk-in basis only. For the other drives, appointments may be made; scheduling forms are available in the TCA office (W20-450) four weeks before each drive. The blood drive hours vary from day to day; look at a scheduling form or call x3-7911 for the hours during a particular drive.

All drives are run by TCA for the benefit of the American Red Cross and the MIT community. Through these drives the MIT community gives proportionately more blood than any other group or institution in New England. The big drives in the fall and spring are massive organizational efforts that require the help of many, and TCA always welcomes new volunteers. For further information call x3-7911 or x3-4885.

## Buildings, Problems with

Physical Plant is responsible for all MIT buildings. If there is a problem such as lack of light, heat, or water, call the Physical Plant Control Center (x3-4948: xFIXIT) 24 hours a day.

## Credit Union

The Credit Union is a federal corporation, not a part of the Institute. The Union is similar to a small savings and loan bank. All permanent employees on the MIT payroll are eligible to become members by buying one share in the Union. The amount of money that can be borrowed on a signature is determined by length of employment. The Credit Union Office (E19-601, x3-2844) has more detailed information and an explanatory pamphlet.

## Employees Educational Benefits

**Children** of faculty and staff are eligible for full **scholarships** at MIT and scholarships of up to 50% of MIT tuition at accredited colleges. **Loans** are also available for children's college expenses. The Treasurer's Office (4-105, x3-2822) has details.

**Regular employees** are eligible for partial or total reimbursement for educational costs connected with their careers at MIT. Contact Sherry Capano (x3-4276) for details.

## Experiments on Humans

If you are participating as a subject in an experiment, whether it's run by an MIT person or anyone else, you can contact the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (56-511, x3-4718) to check whether it poses a hazard to either your physical or mental well-being. Any experiment conducted at MIT that might put the subject at risk — physically, psychologically, or otherwise — must be cleared with the Committee. Check with Dr. Gould of the Medical Department (x3-4718) for details.

## Family Services

The Institute maintains an Office of Social Work Services (E23-344, x3-4911) as an adjunct to the Medical Department. It maintains a good list of available family services and is open for consultation and advice on all family matters.

## ID Cards

ID cards may be picked up in the UASO (7-103) for entering students and in the Cashier's Office (10-180) for upperclassmen about one month after photos are taken. In the meantime, use the temporary ID supplied on Registration Day. If you lose your card, the Cashier's Office will issue a new one for \$5. Lost cards should be reported immediately to the Student Accounts Office (E19-215) and your bank as they can be used to cash checks. (The picture can be changed quite easily.)

International Student Identity Cards can be obtained at the Student Assistance Services Office (5-106). They offer numerous discounts abroad on theatres, museums, lodgings, and intra-European airfares.

Department headquarters have ID cards for **employees**. They must be shown at the Medical Department, MIT libraries, and athletic facilities.

## Lost and Found

Check the Student Center Office (W20-500, x3-2901) for items lost in the Center, Kresge, or the MIT Chapel. Around dormitories, check the main desk. In any case, after two weeks everything is supposed to be sent to the master lost and found (W31-215, x3-2996). Valuables are held there for at least four months, and other things (e.g. gloves, hats, shoes) for two months. Sets of keys are handled in the same manner as other things.

*If you're afraid of loneliness, don't marry.*

— Anton Chekhov



## Marriage

1. Congratulations! and good luck.
2. You can have the ceremony performed in the MIT Chapel if you wish. Call Barbara Fienman's office at x3-7974.
3. Financial Aid usually will not increase the grants you are getting, nor will it give you one if you are not already receiving MIT support. Under normal circumstances, your spouse is expected to work to earn the equivalent of his/her support. But by all means stop by the Financial Aid Office and talk with the people there; maybe you are a special case. Some fellowships have increased stipends if you "acquire" dependents.
4. The Deans, social services staff and religious counselors are available to talk things over with you and can be very helpful in discussing aspects of married student life.

*Well, thee knows it takes a mighty good husband to be better than none.*

— Elderly Quaker Woman

## Missing Persons

If you can't find someone, call the ODSA (x3-4861) or Campus Police (x3-2997) and the Senior Faculty Resident of your dorm if you live in one. Be prepared to supply all the relevant information on the missing person. Don't call the person's home unless it's absolutely necessary. The Dean's Office will handle it.

## Notaries Public

At MIT you can have documents notarized (legally certified) by Mrs. Barclay (E19-341). Other people occasionally serve as notaries; check with the Information Office (7-121, x3-4795) or the Institute Directory for a current list. Outside MIT, your bank should provide a notary public free of charge.

## Post Offices

Student Center: M-T 9-1, 2-5, F 9-1

## Postdoctoral Fellows

Depending on what aspect of MIT you are dealing with, you will be classified as student, faculty, or staff. Normally this situation works to your advantage, but if you don't like it, you can complain.

The availability of Student Health Insurance is useful, as is student status (non-candidate for a degree) for federal income tax returns. You can also claim student status in order to maintain out-of-town registration for a car (assuming the insurance company involved agrees). You must file with the local police for a student automobile tag (described elsewhere in this book or by Campus Police).

Faculty status is helpful in applying for an MIT library card. Relegation to the staff category occurs with regard to parking lot assignments, obtaining a Coop card, and purchasing an athletic card (\$60).

There is no official identification card connecting a postdoctoral fellow with the Institute. A letter of appointment from the President's Office, which should arrive a few weeks after you fill out forms with your department, is the most useful means of identification. If you need a temporary ID, Virginia Lyons at the Information Office (7-121, x3-2851) may give you one. Afterwards, your MIT library card should suffice.

*There is a special department of Hell for students of probability. In this department, there are many typewriters and many monkeys. Every time that a monkey walks on a typewriter, it types by chance one of Shakespeare's sonnets.*

— Bertrand Russell

## Prejudice

If you feel mistreated in any way for reasons of racial, ethnic, or sexual bias, speak to the deans (5-106, x3-4861). If you feel you have been the victim of discrimination in employment or other opportunities, take your complaint to the Equal Opportunity Committee (Patricia Bell-Scott, 7-203, x3-4516).

MIT has an Affirmative Action Plan presenting the Institute's objectives and procedures for ensuring equal opportunity for minorities and women in employment (both) and in letting contracts. Copies of this plan are on file in the Information Center (7-121, x3-4795), in the various Personnel Offices, in the Office of Minority Affairs (Clarence Williams, 10-211, x3-5446), and in the Office Women and Work (Mary Rowe, 10-213, x3-5921).

Massachusetts also maintains an agency to deal with cases of suspected discrimination, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (120 Tremont St., Boston, 727-3990).

## Special Events

For information on planning concerts, dances, mixers, and the like, contact the Undergraduate Association Office (W20-401, x3-2696), the Dean of Student Activities (W20-500, x3-7974), or the Partyline (x3-3942).

## Summer Employment

The on-campus job situation varies from year to year. A good idea is to get involved with a research project, which pays fair money and is good experience. See your favorite professors. Some term-time jobs can be continued over the summer — libraries, Walker or Lobdell dining service, the Coop, and various lab and computer jobs.

Outside of MIT, the rules are the same as applying for a job anywhere. It pays to apply early. It pays double to know people. The Student Employment Office's (5-119) files of job opportunities are the most complete for this area. SIPB (11-205) also maintains a listing of computer jobs.



## Weather & School Cancellations

NOAA's weather service (x3-1234) gives predictions for the next forty-eight hours. MIT rarely closes for inclement weather; if it does, the decision is usually made around 6 am and released to WHDH radio (850AM). Don't call the MIT switchboard because it will be swamped. Instead call 253-SNOW (SNOW = 7669) or dl-155 for a recorded message.

At night, the light on top of the old Hancock Tower gives the National Weather Service forecast for the following day. The significance of the colors follows: **blue** = clear; **flashing blue** = overcast; **red** = rain; **flashing red** = (winter) snow or (summer) the Red Sox game is cancelled.

*I feel that at least half the graduates here are sane.*

— Prof. Anon.

# Appendix 3 — Local Colleges

## Colleges Around Boston

There are more than a quarter million students in the Boston area, 100,000 male and 150,000 female. The following list provides terse coverage of local schools. Wellesley has a special relationship with MIT, and is discussed in greater detail at the end of this section.

**Amherst College** — (1200 undergraduate men, 1300 undergraduate women) Located in the famous Connecticut River Valley, Amherst College is known for its fine academic programs, mostly in the liberal arts. 95% of students live on campus. (413-542-2000)

**Boston College** — (13,000 students) Located at Chestnut Hill near Newton, Boston College is a large Catholic university and 24% of the undergraduates live on campus. (969-0100)

**Boston State College** — (11,000 students) A state teachers' college with no residence facilities (625 Huntington Ave, Boston).

**Boston University** — (25,000 students) Boston University's campus extends along the Back Bay, across the Charles River from MIT. It offers both graduate and undergraduate courses in all fields, and draws students from across the nation and around the world. It is a private institution with Methodist ancestry. 50% of the students live on campus, and most of the rest are scattered through Boston, Brookline and Cambridge. A cross-registration program exists between BU and MIT. Most social activities are closed to outsiders, but resourcefulness might pay off (353-2000).

**Brandeis University** — (3500 undergraduates) Brandeis is located in Waltham and offers both graduate and undergraduate liberal arts courses. 75% of the students live on campus and most of the rest live in either Waltham or Cambridge. Brandeis has a very large Jewish student population. It is located at the end of the number 70 Bus line from Central Square (647-2000).

**Emerson College** — (1600 undergraduates) Emerson College is located on Beacon Street between Arlington and Clarendon Streets. It is a specialized, private school concentrating in communication (speech, drama, mass communication, education). Freshmen and sophomores (45% of the student body) live on campus (262-2010).

**Emmanuel College** — (700 undergraduates) Emmanuel is a Catholic liberal arts college. 60% of the students live on campus (400 The Fenway, Boston, 277-9340).

**Harvard University** — (21,000 students) Probably the most renowned university in Harvard Square. Harvard offers graduate and undergraduate education in virtually every field. The student body comes from all over the world. **Radcliffe College** is the women's division of Harvard, sharing all classes, dorms, and activities. Harvard is located 2 miles up Mass. Ave. from MIT, and most students live on or near the campus. Harvard has a cross-registration program, and a joint Biomedical Engineering graduate program with MIT. Maps of Harvard are available at the Information Center. (495-1000; or use the tieline, dial 186-5-5000 from a Centrex extension or 2-186-5-5000 from a dormline.)



**Lesley College** — (1400 women students) Lesley is a private teachers' college located right behind Harvard Law School. Eighty percent of the women live on campus. Lesley and Harvard have a cross-registration program (868-9600).

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** — (9000 students) A small technical school, located in Cambridge along the banks of the Charles River. Graduate and undergraduate education polarized around science and technology. Said to have the largest percentage of foreign students (18%) in the country (253-1000).

**Northeastern University** — (40,000 students) The largest coeducational private university in the country, Northeastern offers the usual range of courses. 46% of students live on campus (437-2000).

**Simmons College** — (2300 women students) Simmons is a compromise between a liberal arts and professional school, and specializes in the sciences. Eighty percent of the undergraduates live on campus. The school is convenient to Kenmore Square and the Gardner and Fine Arts museums (738-2000).

**Smith College** — (2500 undergraduate women) Liberal arts specialization. Located in Amherst Valley, 95% of students live on campus, but known for outgoing student body (413-584-2700).

**Tufts University** — (6500 students) Tufts University is located on Walnut Hill in Medford and maintains medical and dental schools on Harrison Ave. in Boston. It is a private institution offering the usual range of curricula. Ninety-two percent of the undergraduates live on campus. Jackson College, the women's coordinate of Tufts, has the same relationship with Tufts as does Radcliffe with Harvard, including coed housing. MIT has a cross-registration program with Tufts. You can travel by bus from Harvard Sq. or Lechmere (628-5000).

**University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus** — (7000 students) This state college offers a liberal arts undergraduate program. No residential facilities (929-7000).

*"Contrariwise," continued Tweedledee*

*"If it was so, it might be; and if it  
were so, it would be; but as it  
isn't, it ain't. That's logic."*

— Lewis Carroll

**Wellesley College** — See section on Wellesley, following.

The following schools, listed with their information numbers, are also nearby and may be of interest:

Babson College, Wellesley (235-1200)  
Bentley College, Waltham (891-2000)  
Berklee College of Music, Boston (266-1400)  
Boston Architectural Center, Boston (536-3170)  
Boston Conservatory of Music, Boston (536-6340)  
Burdett School, Boston (267-7435)  
Chamberlayne Junior College, Boston (536-4500)  
Curry College, Milton (333-0500)  
Deaconess School of Nursing, Boston (732-8343)  
Eastern Nazarene College, Boston (773-6350)  
Fisher Junior College, Boston (262-3240)

Katherine Gibbs School, Boston (262-2250)  
Lasell Junior College for Women, Newton (243-2000)  
Massachusetts College of Art, Boston (731-2340)  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston (732-2800)  
Mount Holyoke College, Amherst Valley (413-538-2000)  
Mt. Ida College, Newton (969-7000)  
New England Conservatory of Music, Boston (262-1200)  
Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill (731-7000)  
Regis College, Weston (893-1820)  
Salem State College, Salem (745-0550)  
Stone Hill College (238-1081)  
Suffolk University, Boston (723-4700)  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Roxbury (442-9010)  
Wheelock College, Boston (734-5200)

## Wellesley

Wellesley College is about fifteen miles from MIT, straight out the Mass Pike, a small (2,500) women's liberal arts school. After spending time by the Charles, it is very refreshing to see grass, trees, hills, a lake, and the silence that comes from having much space between you and the nearest car. There's a large bell tower than can be climbed on weekdays — see the Information Bureau, Green Hall, at Wellesley — from which a wonderful view of the countryside and the Boston skyline can be seen.

There are other attractions as well.

Wellesley is officially linked with MIT by the MIT-Wellesley cross-registration program, so that classes and athletic programs are open to MIT students. There are other ways to get involved in Wellesley activities but you have to be enterprising: they usually aren't well publicized here.

There are opportunities to live on the campus for a term (or sometimes a year) along with ten to fifteen other exchange students, mostly from MIT. Check with the Exchange Office at either school for more information. Beware: if you are a man you will be called a co-ed!

## Getting There

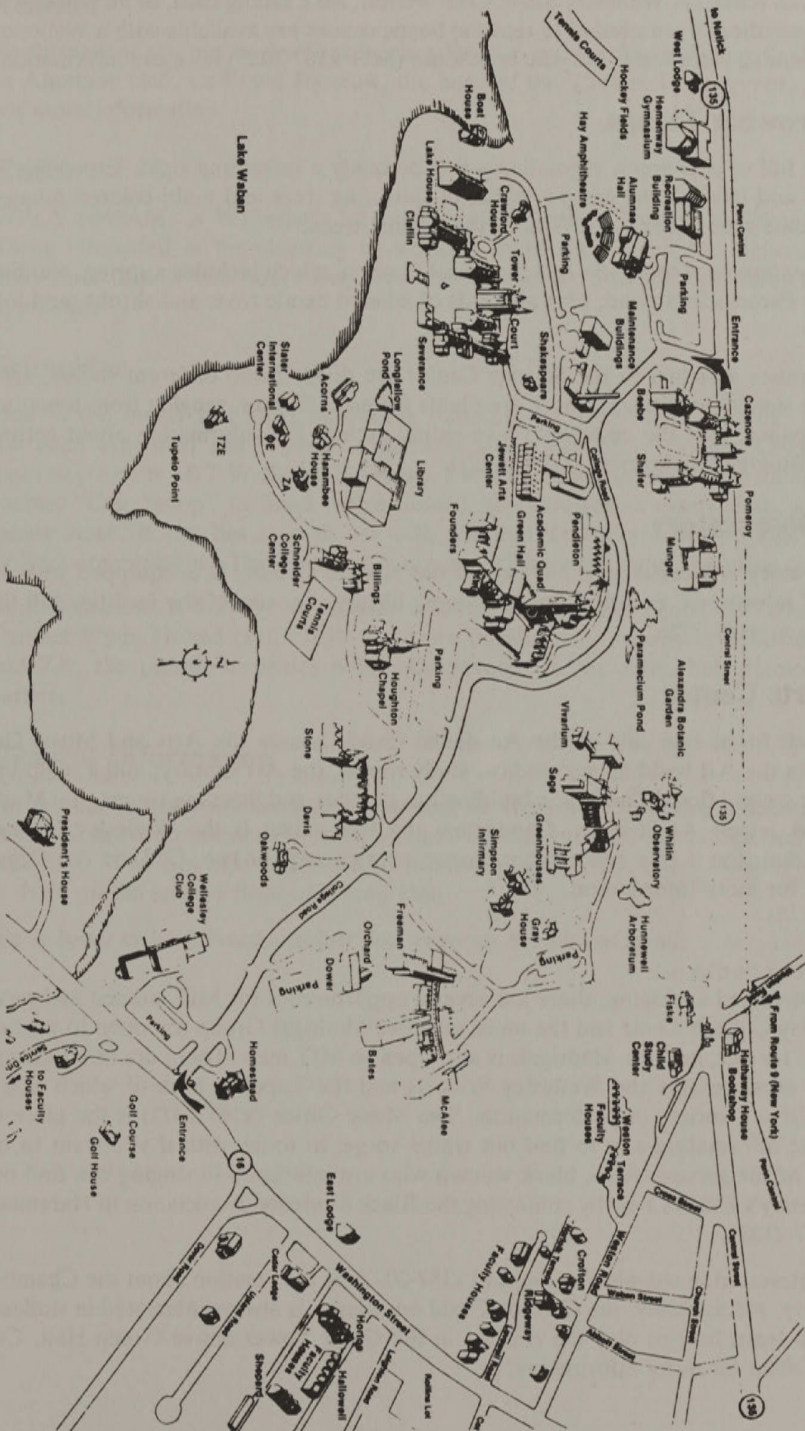
Although it is 15 miles from Cambridge, Wellesley is not hard to reach. A free bus service is part of the cross-registration program, and runs approximately once an hour, Monday through Friday. Bus schedules are available in 7-108, the MIT Exchange Office (x3-1668). In addition, there is a bus sponsored by the Wellesley Senate that runs on Thursday and Friday nights and all day Saturday and Sunday. Schedules and tickets are available at Schneider Center at Wellesley (\$1.25 each) and at the 24-Hour Coffeehouse and Random Hall (both \$1.50) at MIT. If you have to resort to the MBTA, the Green Line goes to Woodland, the nearest T-stop to Wellesley.

## Lake Waban

There is a fairly large lake on the campus. Popular activities include walking along the perimeter, swimming, and boating. In late spring and early fall there is a lifeguard on duty at the beach by the boathouse. There are also canoes, sailboats, and windsurfing



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boards for free rental. A Wellesley Small Craft Permit, MIT sailing card, or an equivalent (like a WSI certificate) are needed to rent the boats; canoes are available with a Wellesley or MIT Swimming Certificate. Call the boathouse (MIT x187-2025) for more information.

### Green Growing Things

Wellesley is full of real green vegetation—it is certainly a refreshing sight. Especially in early spring and late fall the campus is full of flowering trees and multi-colored foliage. There are some other attractions besides the normal trees:

There is an extensive Arboretum and Botanical Garden, which includes a spring, winding stream, and Paramecium pond, plus all kinds of labeled exotic trees and shrubs, and lots of flowers.

The greenhouses attached to the Science Center are divided into different rooms, each with its own simulated climate. There are plants for each climate, ranging from tomatoes to coconut palms, plus the occasional man-eating orchid. For information about getting in, call the Biology Department. (x187-3153).

### Whitin Observatory

The Observatory is located on a hill behind the Science Center. It is equipped with 6", 12", and 24" telescopes, as well as an astronomy library. For use of the facilities call the Observatory at x187-2726.

### Jewett Arts Center

Jewett, which forms one side of the Academic Quad, houses the Arts and Music Departments. In the Art building are studios, study rooms, the Art Library, and a sculpture court on the second floor. The Music building has practice and listening rooms, the Music Library, and Jewett Auditorium. Connecting the two halves is the Wellesley College Museum. Admission is free and exhibits change every month or two. Call the Art Office (x187-2043) for more information.

### Music

For those interested in singing, there are several opportunities for MIT women and men. The Wellesley College Choir and the more selective Madrigal Group are open to women who want to try out, and the Madrigals is also open to MIT men. There are other groups on campus, most notably the Wellesley Widows and the Tupelos, both of which sing *a capella* and give a variety of performances. The Music Office (x187-2077) is the place to call for more information and to find out whom to get in touch with if you want to try out for any of the groups. Also, black women who are interested in singing can find out about Wellesley's Ethos Choir by contacting the Black Students' Association in Harambee House (x187-2133).

If you are interested in chamber music, call x187-2077 for information about the Chamber Music Society. Additionally, the Carillon Guild on campus is always interested in students who want to learn how to play the carillon in the Great Tower above Green Hall. Call the Music Office for more information.



## Theater

Performances are put on by Shakespeare House, and by the Wellesley College Theater in Alumnae Hall. Call Paul Barstow, the head of the Theater Department, at x187-2029 for more information.

## Radio

WZLY (640AM) is Wellesley's all-student radio station, located in Schneider Center. Those interested in broadcasting or working there should call the station for details. Shows are usually two hours long, and the subject is up to the broadcaster (subject to approval).

## Schneider

One of the oldest and most interesting buildings on Wellesley's campus, Billings Hall has been expanded and renovated and now fronts Schneider College Center. It is the main stop for the MIT-Wellesley Exchange Bus and contains study areas, lounges, meeting rooms, "Cafe Hoop" (a small coffee house), the InfoBox, a candy shop, and a convenience store. It also has a snack bar with grill and limited deli and various student and College organizations. There are live bands every Thursday night, and often on Saturdays.

Near Schneider is Harambee House, a social and cultural center for Black students. Contact Wynn Holme (x187-2133) for more information. Also near Schneider are TZE and ZA, the pseudo-sororities nominally devoted to the Arts, but infamous for their parties.

## General Information

For further information on almost anything at Wellesley, including students' telephone numbers and information on activities and events, call the student-staffed InfoBox at x187-2670. You can also call the Info Bureau at x187-2387, open Monday to Friday, 9 to 4:30, on the second floor of Green Hall.

*'Tis is better to have loved and lost then never to have loved at all.*

— Alfred Lord Tennyson

# Appendix 4 — Mwoh About Bahston

Those of you unfamiliar with Boston may feel that you are coming to just another American city which uses English as its native tongue. If so, you are due for something of a shock, and as another of its continuing services, TCA has persuaded a true native Bostonian to compile this:

## **Guide to the Language of Boston Together with Commentary on the Strange Customs Thereof, with Pronunciation Guide and a Glossary of Native Vocabulary**

*Introduction:* The accent of Eastern New England is characterized as a “twang.” This means in general that the speech is quick and clipped. Rumor has it that in northern Maine it’s so clipped that it sometimes dies off into pure silence. This, however, is not a problem in Boston. A “twang” also means that it has a tendency to be nasal. An example of a nasal sound in English is the “ng” at the end of “looking.” Now try applying this to a vowel and you’ve almost got it.

Of course, not all New England accents are the same. People in Western New England talk almost like the rest of the country, and many suburbanites are altogether too affected by the bland language of national TV. Proper Bostonians talk almost like Britishers, and state-of-Mainerers have a delightful accent all their own.

It’s only in Boston and nearby that one can hear the sweet dulcet tones of pure Bostonian English. While it may at first sound grating and harsh, even cacophonous to the inexperienced ear, you will soon grow to love it. [*ED. note: Ha!*]

### **Specific Characteristics**

*The disappearing “R”* This is the most distinctive aspect of Bostonese. The combination “or” is pronounced as the word “awe.” In extreme cases it is pronounced very nasally (approximately “woh”) as in “Dorchester” (pronounced “Dwohchestah”). Note, however, that the “or” at the end of a word, as well as an “er” is pronounced as “ah.” JFK talked about “vigah.” Well, no one in Boston thought that strange. The classic example is “I parked my car in Harvard Yard,” pronounced “I pahked my cah in Hahvahd Yahd.” Actually, they don’t allow cahs in the Yahd anymwoh.

*The reappearing “R”* Having discarded so many r’s, Bostonians must put them somewhere, and they often end up pronouncing the words ending in “a” as though they ended in “er.” Hence Cuba (“Cuber”) and banana (“bananer”).



*The mysterious extra syllable* Many words which you think have one syllable, appear to have two. This is even more common in Maine than in Boston. Examples: "there" ("they-ah"), "where" ("whey-ah"), "door" ("doe-ah"), and "Revere" ("Re-ve-ah").

*The broad "A"* The words "calf," "half," and "laugh" are pronounced to rhyme and have the same "a" sound as in "father." This is known as a "broad A," and in extreme cases may appear in words like "glass" and "grass."

## Glossary

### Localities

*Quincy* — (Quin-zee), a city south of Boston

*Boston* — (Baw-ston), a city north of Quincy

*Worcester* — (Wus-tah), second largest city in Massachusetts (and New England)

*Gloucester* — (Glos-tah), a seaport north of Boston

### Food

*Tonic* — generic term for "soft drinks" (also acceptable). "Soda" ("soder") is gradually filtering into usage from visitors. "Pop" is not used.

*Frappe* — what you think of as a milkshake.

*Milkshake* — milk and flavored syrup, shaken up. Contains no ice cream.

*Steamed Clams* — world's best food.

*Fried Clams* — world's biggest crime to world's best food.

*Clam Chowder* — absolutely heavenly treat; contains no tomato.

*Manhattan-Style Clam Chowder* — tomato soup. Rumored to contain some clams, but this has never been substantiated.

### Government

*The Great and General Court* — The official name of the legislature. What the legislature likes to call itself.

*Those Crooks on Beacon Hill* — What everyone else calls the legislature.

*Governor's Council* — A popularly-elected group of nine wheeler-dealers who must approve appointments by the Governor. About 20 years ago they almost had a quorum in the state prison.

*Town* — Main unit of local government in New England. Every square inch of Massachusetts is part of some city or town. Counties have insignificant power.

*Town Meeting* — An assembly of voters in a town. It runs the local government and is presided over by a moderator.

*Selectmen* — A board of local magistrates (generally 3 to 5) who run the day-to-day affairs of the town, according to the instructions of the town meeting.

*Commonwealth* — What Massachusetts is. There are 46 states and four commonwealths (Mass., Pa., Va., and Ky.) in the United States.

### Highway Terms

*Motorist* — someone granted a license to hunt pedestrians and bicyclists.

*Pedestrian* — a hazardous occupation.

*Bicyclist* — a suicidal occupation.

*Crosswalk* — strange paintings on some city streets, the significance of which is unknown to the natives.

*Traffic Light* — a signalling device for drivers; **red** means stop, **green** means go, and **yellow** means accelerate. **Red** and **yellow** together mean to stop in all directions — pedestrians crossing. Blinking **green** means to be prepared for light to turn to **red**.

**Miscellaneous**

*Harvard* — (Hah-vahd), a small liberal arts college up the creek.

*Blue Laws* — Laws left over from the Puritan days, which say that anything you want to do on Sundays, you can't. Recently repealed.

*Yankee* — (1) to a foreigner; an American; (2) to a Southerner; a Northerner; (3) to a Northerner; a New Englander; (4) to a New Englander; a Vermonter; (5) to a Vermonter; Someone who eats apple pie for breakfast.

*Common* — A park in the center of a city or town. Generally has public buildings and churches clustered around it.

*Down East* — Maine.

*Cradle of Liberty* — (1) Boston; (2) Faneuil (fan-yul) Hall

*Athens of America* — Boston.

*Hub of the Universe* — Boston.

*Midwest* — area around Worcester, Mass.

*West* — area around Springfield, Mass.

*Edge of Civilization* — The Connecticut River.

*Indian Country* — Land west of the Berkshire Hills.

*New York* — (New Yawk), city, a suburb of Stamford, Connecticut.



# Appendix 5 — Names of MIT Buildings

Some people hate to use numbers for all the buildings (or any of them). This listing was written just for them.

So that credit (or blame) can be placed where due, we list the architects after their creations. Curiously, almost all the designers of MIT buildings were either students or professors at MIT, or both.

Building	Name [Architect]
1	Henry L. Pierce Engineering Laboratory [Welles Bosworth]
2	No name [Welles Bosworth]
3	The Richard Cockburn MacLaurin Building [Welles Bosworth]
4	The Richard Cockburn MacLaurin Building
4A	Laser Laboratory
5	Pratt School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering [Welles Bosworth]
6	George Eastman Research Laboratory [Welles Bosworth]
6A	The Spectroscopy Laboratory
7	William Barton Rogers Building [Welles Bosworth; Harry J. Carlson]
8	Metallurgy Building
9	Center for Advanced Engineering Study [Skidmore, Owings and Merrill]
10	The Richard Cockburn MacLaurin Building
11	Homberg Building [Bosworth, Coolidge '83 and Carlson '92]
12	No name
13	The Vannevar Bush Building (Center for Materials Science and Engineering) [Skidmore, Owings and Merrill]
14	Charles Hayden Memorial Library [Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith; Anderson & Beckwith]
16	Dorrance Building [Anderson, Beckwith, & Haible]
17	Wright Brothers Wind Tunnel [Jackson & Moreland]
17A	No name [Jackson & Moreland]
18	Camille Edouard Dreyfus Building (Chemistry) [I. M. Pei]
20	No name [McCreery & Whiston]
24	No name [Anderson & Beckwith]
26	Karl Taylor Compton Laboratory [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill]
31	Sloan Laboratories for Aircraft and Automotive Engineering [Coolidge & Carlson; Anderson; Beckwith]
33	Daniel Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory [Coolidge & Carlson]
34	Edgerton, Germeshausen & Grier (EG&G) Education Center [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill]
35	Sloan Metals Processing Laboratory [Perry, Shaw, Hepburn & Dean]

- 36 Sherman Fairchild Building (east wing) [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill]
- 37 Center for Space Research [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Chicago)]
- 38 Sherman Fairchild Building (west wing) (Electrical Engineering &  
Communications Research Center) [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill]
- 39 Information Processing Service Center [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill]
- 41 No name [Welles Bosworth]
- 42 Power Plant
- 43 No name [Welles Bosworth]
- 44 The Cyclotron [McCreary & Winston]
- 45 Division of Comparative Medicine (Animal Facility)
- 46 No name
- 48 The Ralph M. Parsons Lab for Water Resources and Hydrodynamics  
[Perry, Dean, Hepburn, and Stewart]
- 50 Francis Amasa Walker Memorial Building [Welles Bosworth]
- 51 The MIT Sailing Pavilion
- 54 The Cecil and Ida Green Building (Center for Earth Sciences)  
[I. M. Pei]
- 56 The Uncas A. Whitaker Building (Center for Life Sciences)  
[Anderson, Beckwith & Haible]
- 57 The MIT Alumni Building (Alumni Swimming Pool)  
[Anderson & Beckwith]
- 58 The Office of Naval Research Generator [Anderson & Beckwith]
- 62 Wood, Hayden, Munroe (East Campus — west) [Welles Bosworth;  
Coolidge & Carlson]
- 64 Goodale, Bemis, Walcott (East Campus — east)
- 66 Ralph Landau Building (Chemical Engineering) [I. M. Pei]
- 70 East Parking Garage (Parking facility) [Marvin E. Goody; Carlton N.  
Goff]
- E1 The President's House [Welles Bosworth]
- E2 Ware, Atkinson, Runkle (Senior House) [Welles Bosworth]
- E3 Holman, Nichols, Crafts (Senior House)
- E10 Psychology Laboratory [Monks & Johnson]
- E15 Wiesner Arts and Media Technology Building (I. M. Pei)
- E17 Seeley G. Mudd Building
- E18,19 Horace Sayford Ford Building (Formerly Daggett Building)  
[Rodgers Associates]
- E20 No name [Wilson]
- E21 No name [Wilson]
- E23 Medical Department Health Services Center
- E25 Whitaker College of Health Sciences Technology & Management
- E32 The MIT Press [F. A. Stahl & Associates]
- E34 No name [V. J. Galleni]
- E38 Suffolk Building
- E40 Urban Systems Lab (One Amherst Street, formerly Webster  
Building) [Densmore, LeClear & Robbins]
- E42 The Hayward Garage [F. E. Leland]
- E51 No name
- E52 The Alfred P. Sloan Building [Donald DesGranges]
- E53 The Grover M. Hermann Building (Social Science and Management  
Research Center) [Eduardo Catalano]



E55	Eastgate [Eduardo Catalano]
N4	Albany Street Garage [Perry, Dean, Hepburn & Steward]
N10	High Voltage Research Laboratories [C. Richmond, Jr.]
N42	Graphic Arts Building [E. H. McClarr]
N51	No name [Cleverdon, Varney and Pike]
N52	MIT Museum
N54	Lab Supplies
N57	No name
NW12	The Nuclear Engineering Building
NW13	The Nuclear Chemistry Building
NW14,15	The Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory
NW16	Plasma Fusion Center
NW17	No name
NW20	No name
NW21	Nabisco Laboratory
NW61	Random Hall
W1	Avery Allen Ashdown House (Graduate House) [H. B. Ball]
W2	Non-Resident Student Association
W2A	Religious Counselors' offices
W4	Stanley McCormick Hall (Women's Dormitory) [Anderson, Beckwith & Haible]
W5	Green Hall (graduate women's house, Formerly Sancta Maria Hospital and Homberg Infirmary)
W7	Everett Moore Baker House [Alvar Aalto]
W8	Harold Whitworth Pierce Boat House [Anderson, Beckwith & Haible]
W11	Center for Advanced Visual Studies [Goody and Clancy]
W13	Bexley Hall
W15	The MIT Chapel [Eero Saarinen]
W16	Kresge Auditorium [Eero Saarinen]
W20	The Julius Adams Stratton Building (Student Center) [Eduardo Catalano]
W23	Briggs Field House [Anderson & Beckwith]
W31	The Armory [Hartwell, Richardson & Driver]
W32	David Flett duPont Athletic Center [Anderson, Beckwith & Haible]
W33	Rockwell Athletic Cage [Anderson & Beckwith]
W34	Athletic Center
W41	Metropolitan Storage Warehouse [Peabody & Stearns]
W45	Vassar Street Garage (Parking facility 2)
W51	Burton House, Conner Hall [Silverman, Brown & Heenan]
W59	No name
W61	The Frank S. MacGregor House [Pietro Belluschi; The Architects Collaborative]
W70	New West Campus Houses [Sert & Johnson] House I — Russian House and Chocolate City House II — Ballard House House III — Lawrence House and Spanish House House IV— Coolidge House House V — Desmond House House VI — French House and German House
W71	500 Memorial Drive (Next House)
W74	Solar Demonstration Building

W84	Ping Yuan Tang Residence Hall [Hugh Stubbins Associates]
W85A-J	Westgate Married Student Housing [Hugh Stubbins Associates]
W91	Formerly The Aerophysics Laboratory [Jackson and Moreland]



# Appendix 6 — Telephones

## Telephone Information

### MIT

For the first time, MIT is installing a new phone system (5 ESS digital PBX switching system) which will allow undergrad dorm residents as well as Ashdown residents to make local and long distance calls from MIT phones. This will eliminate the need to rent outside lines from the New England Telephone Company.

For on-campus calls, dial five digits: 3-xxxx or 5-xxxx. This is a change from the old system of separate Dormlines and Centrex extensions.

For local calls outside MIT, dial 9 + seven digits. Local calls will not be charged for with message units.

Long distance calls will be processed by MCI, which supposedly has cheaper rates than AT & T. To make a domestic call, dial 9+1+ seven or ten digits; at the tone, dial a five digit authorization code. For international calls, dial 9+011+ country code+ city code+ telephone number; at the tone, dial a five digit authorization code. Or, you may bypass MCI to use a different long distance company by dialing different access numbers.

*The number you have dialed is imaginary. Please multiply by i and dial again.*

— Anonymous

### Information

The New England Telephone information number is 411 on an outside line. For information about MIT numbers dial "0" or ask the MIT operator at 253-1000. They have a list of extensions by room number. Numbers for individuals can be obtained by calling the main desk of the dormitory where the person lives.

### Boston

Phone books can be picked up the Central Square Phone Center Store (45 Prospect St., Cambridge, 864-9950). Call ahead for directions. The MIT Student Directory, giving (usually accurate) numbers for all students, living groups, student activities, and offices, is available in the Information Center in the southwest corner of Lobby 7. It is printed once a year, and comes out in late October. Faculty and Administration directories may be picked up in 24-007, but are less available.

## Repairs

The repair number for outside lines is 611; for MIT extensions it is x3-3654. Dormline problems should be reported to dl181.

The following pages list some of the most often called numbers around the Institute and outside:



# MIT Telephone Numbers

MIT, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139

Telephone: (617) 253-1000

Emergency — from any MIT phone, dial 100

	<i>Room</i>	<i>dl</i>	<i>Ext.</i>
Athletic Department	W32		3-4498
Equipment desk			3-2914
Building Repair	E19-135		3-4948
Campus Police (CP)	W31-215	5-8191	3-1212
Cheney Room	3-310		3-4880
Child Care	4-144		3-1592
Committee on Academic Performance	7-101		3-4164
Concourse	20C-224	5-9148	3-3200
Dean for Student Affairs	7-133		3-6776
Office (Counseling)			3-4861
Directory Assistance (MIT Op.)		0	0
Dormitory Desks and Faculty Residents			
Ashdown (Desk)	W1	191	3-2961
(Faculty Resident)		5-9195	3-2968
Baker (Desk)	W7	161	3-3161
(Faculty Resident)		5-7350	3-3168
Bexley (Desk)	W13	165	3-3861
(Faculty Resident)		5-9618	3-4138
Burton (Desk)	W51	141	3-3261
(Faculty Resident)		5-8450	3-3268
East Campus (Desk)	62,64	171	3-2871
(Faculty Resident)		5-6205	3-2868
Eastgate (Manager)	E55		3-7463
French House (Desk)	W70	5-7698	3-6561
(Faculty Resident)		5-7646	
German House (Desk)	W70	5-7691	
(Faculty Resident)		5-7675	
MacGregor (Desk)	W61	131	3-1461
(Faculty Resident)		5-9140	3-1468
McCormick (Desk)	W4	151	3-5961
(Faculty Resident)		5-8106	3-5968
New House (Desk)	W70	135	3-6561
(Faculty Resident)		5-7400	3-6568
Next House (Desk)	W71	186	3-8761
(Faculty Resident)			3-8768
Random House (Desk)	NW61	145	3-7563
(Faculty Resident)			3-7519
Russian House (Desk)	W70	5-7449	
(Faculty Resident)		5-7417	3-4774
Senior House (Desk)	E2,E3	121	3-3191
(Faculty Resident)		5-6206	3-2858

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Spanish House (Desk)	W70	5-7596	
(Faculty Resident)		5-7543	
Tang, Westgate (Manager)	W85		3-5063
Emergency Closings			3-7669
Experimental Study Group	24-612		3-7787
Faculty Club	E52		3-4896
Financial Aid Office	5-119		3-4971
Graduate School Office	3-136		3-1776
Graduate Student Council	50-222		3-2195
Hahvahd (info)			186-5-5000
Housing Information	7-133		3-4051
I.M. Supervisor	W32-123		3-7947
Information Office	7-121		3-4795
Kosher Kitchen	50-005	5-6750	3-2982
LSC Information	W20-469	5-9179	3-3791
Libraries, Information	14S-200		3-5683
Medical Department (9am-5pm)	E23		3-4481
Weekends, Holidays, (5pm-9am)			3-1311
Nightline			3-7840
Partyline			3-3942
Placement Office	12-170		3-4733
Psychiatric Department (8:30am-5pm)	E23-376		3-2916
after 5pm			3-4481
Registrar's Office	E19-335		3-4781
Religious Counselors	W2a		3-2985
Student Accounts Office	E19-215		3-4133
Student Art Association	W20-429		3-7019
SCC Hotline (Partyline)			3-3942
Student Center Manager	W20-343		3-3913
Student Employment	5-119		3-4973
Student Information Processing Board	39-200		3-7788
Student Loans			3-3342
Taxis			3-2301
The Tech	W20-483		3-1541
Technology Community Association (TCA)	W20-450		3-4885
Telephone Repair (Outside-611)	E19-741	181	3-3654
Time		175	
24 Hour Coffeehouse	W20-249		3-7972
Undergraduate Academic Support Office			
Freshman Advising	7-103		3-6771
Undergraduate Association (UA)	W20-401	5-9157	3-2696
Weather (Outside-WEN-RAIN)		125	3-1234
Wellesley (info)			187-2387

*"You can't get God on the phone."*

*"You're telling me — I can't even get a dial tone."*

— Kelly



Access Line (Counseling and Information)	267-9150
Ambulance Service	424-4073
	338-1212
American Automobile Association	738-6900
Ask the Globe	929-2990
Better Business Bureau — Questions	482-9151
— Complaints	482-9190
Boston Arts Line (Recording)	261-1660
Cambridge City Hall	498-9000
Cambridge Hospital	498-1000
Consumers' Council (Boston)	727-2605
Dental Emergency	969-6663
Directory Assistance	411
Fire Department (Cambridge)	876-0125
(Emergency)	911
Legal Aid Society (Boston)	742-8930
Legal Services (Cambridge)	492-5520
Lost and Found (Boston)	722-4100 x253
(MBTA)	722-5716
(Boston Police)	536-6700
MBTA Information (schedules) 7am-6pm M-F	722-3200
night & weekends	722-5000
(service conditions)	722-5050
MIT Switchboard	253-1000
Emergency Closings	253-SNOW
Information	253-4795
Police (Cambridge)	498-9300
Emergency	911
Smithsonian Sky Report (Recording)	491-1497
Sports Scoreboard (Recording)	265-6600
Tell it to Joe (Boston Herald)	338-6550
Time and Temperature (Recording)	NER-VOUS
Weather (Recording)	WEN-RAIN
Women's Center	569-1773
	354-8807

# Appendix 7 — MIT Songs

## The Engineers' Drinking Song (Lady Godiva)

Words by many many people. Compose some yourself. Sung to the tune of "The Ramblin' Wreck From Georgia Tech" among others.

*Godiva was a lady who through Coventry did ride  
To show the royal villagers her fair and pure white hide.  
The most observant man of all, an engineer of course,  
Was the only man who noticed that Godiva rode a horse.*

chorus:

*We are, we are, we are, we are, we are the engineers.  
We can, we can, we can, we can demolish forty beers.  
Drink rum, drink rum, drink rum all day and come along with us.  
For we don't give a damn for any old man who don't give a damn for us!*

*She said I've come a long, long way, and I shall go as far  
With the man who takes me from this horse and leads me to a bar.  
The men who took her from her steed and lead her to her beer  
Were a bleary eyed surveyor and a drunken engineer.*

chorus

*My father was a miner from the Northern Malamute,  
My mother was a mistress in a house of ill repute.  
The last time that I saw them, these words rang in my ears,  
"GO TO MIT YOU SON OF A BITCH AND JOIN THE ENGINEERS!!!"*

chorus

*Princeton's run by Wellesley, Wellesley's run by Yale  
Yale is run by Vassar, and Vassar's run by tail  
Harvard's run by stiff pricks, the kind you raise by hand.  
But MIT's run by engineers, the finest in the land.*

chorus

*MIT was MIT when Harvard was a pup.  
And MIT will be MIT when Harvard's time is up.  
And any Harvard son of a bitch who thinks he's in our class  
Can pucker up his rosy lips and kiss the beaver's ass.*



chorus

*An artsman and an Engineer once found a gallon can,  
Said the artsman "Match me drink for drink, let's see if you're a man."  
They drank three drinks, the artsman falls, his face was turning green,  
But the Engineer drank on and said "It's only gasoline."*

chorus

*The Army and the Navy went out to have some fun.  
They went down to the taverns where the fiery liquors run.  
But all they found were empties, for the engineers had come,  
And traded all their instruments for gallon kegs of rum.*

chorus

*Venus was a statue made entirely of stone.  
Without a stitch upon her, she was naked as a bone.  
On seeing that she had no clothes, an engineer discoursed:  
"Why the damn thing's only concrete, and should be reinforced!"*

chorus

*Rapunzel let her hair down for two suitors down below,  
So one of them could grab a hold and give the old heave-ho.  
The Prince began to climb at once, but soon came out the worst,  
For the Engineer rode the elevator and reached Rapunzel first.*

chorus

*Caesar set out for Egypt at the age of fifty three,  
But Cleopatra's blood was warm, her heart was young and free.  
And every night when Julius said goodnight at three o'clock,  
There was a Roman engineer waiting just around the block!*

chorus

*An engineer once staggered in through the Roderick Gate,  
He was carrying a load you would expect to ship by freight.  
The only thing that kept him upright and on his course,  
Were the boundary conditions and the coreolis force.*

chorus

*Ace Towing roams the streets of Cambridge each and every night,  
They tow cars and stow cars and hide them out of sight;  
They tried to tow Godiva's horse, the Engineers said "Hey!"  
Then towed away their towing truck, and now the Ace must pay!*

chorus

*Sir Francis Drake and all his ships set out for Calais Bay.  
They'd heard the Spanish rum fleet was headed on their way.  
But the engineers had beat them by a night and half a day  
And though as drunk as ptarmigans, you still could hear them say:*

*chorus*

*A maiden and an engineer were sitting in the park,  
The engineer was working on some research after dark.  
His scientific method was a marvel to observe —  
While his right hand wrote the figures, his left hand traced the curves.*

*chorus*

*My father peddles opium, my mother's on the dole.  
My sister used to walk the streets but now she's on parole.  
My brother runs a restaurant with a bedroom in the rear.  
But they don't even speak to me 'cause I'm an engineer.*

## Arise Ye Sons of MIT

Music and lyrics by John B. Wilbur '26  
(The closest thing MIT has to an old alma mater.)

*Arise all ye sons of MIT, in loyal brotherhood  
The future beckons unto ye and life is full and good.  
Arise and raise your steins on high; tonight shall ever be  
A mem'ry that will never die, ye sons of MIT*

*Once more thy sons, oh MIT, return from far and wide  
And gather here once more to be renourished by thy side,  
And as we raise our steins on high to pledge our love for thee  
We join thy sons of days gone by in praise of MIT.*

*Oh loyal sons of MIT, when clouds of war burn red,  
In foreign land, on distant sea, your battle line is spread,  
To you we raise our steins on high wherever you may be  
And join you voices from the sky, ye sons of MIT.*

## Arise All Ye of MIT

(The closest thing MIT has to a new alma mater.)

*Arise all ye of MIT, in loyal fellowship.  
The future beckons unto ye and life is full and good.  
Arise and raise your glass on high; tonight shall ever be  
A mem'ry that will never die, for ye of MIT.*

*Thy sons and daughters, oh MIT, return from far and wide  
And gather here once more to be renourished by thy side,  
And as we raise our glasses on high to pledge our love for thee  
We join all those of days gone by in praise of MIT.*



## The Tool

Tune of: *Stewball* (Peter, Paul & Mary)

*Oh, I am a young man  
My brain, it is gold  
But of good and evil  
I've never been told*

*I came to MIT  
One fine autumn day  
To learn how my noggin  
Could be made to pay.*

*I tooled hard for four years  
Nerded night and day  
When GE heard of me  
They offered me 30k*

*I'm a corporate fascist  
Yes, corporate tool  
Maim women and children  
Take from all I can fool.*

*With gadgets and gizmos  
Ratchets that break down  
They pay me their money  
To be a corporate clown*

*My mind is so fertile  
That I will get by  
Even if you all  
Have got to die.*

## The Ballad of 5.60

(to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")

*Free energy and entropy were whirling in his brain,  
With partial differentials and greek letters in their train.  
While delta, sigma, gamma, theta, epsilon, and pi  
Were driving him distracted as they danced before his eye.*

Chorus:

*Glory, glory dear old thermo  
Glory, glory dear old thermo  
Glory, glory dear old thermo,  
We'll pass you by and by.*

*Heat Content and fugacity revolved within his brain  
Like molecules and atoms that you never have to name.  
And logarithmic functions doing cakewalks in his dreams,  
And partial molar quantities devouring chocolate creams.*

chorus

*They asked him on the final if a mole of any gas  
In a vessel with a membrane through which Hydrogen could pass  
Were compressed to half its volume what the entropy would be  
If two-thirds delta-sigma equalled half of delta-P.*

chorus

*He said he guessed the entropy would have to equal four  
Unless the second law should bring it up a couple more  
But then, it might be seven if the Carnot law applied,  
Or it might be almost zero if the delta-T should slide.*

chorus

*The professor read his paper with a corrugated brow.  
For he knew he'd have to grade it and he didn't quite know how.  
'Til an inspiration in his cerebellum suddenly smote,  
And he seized his trusty fountain pen and this is what he wrote:  
Just as you have guessed the entropy, I'll have to guess your grade,  
But the second law won't raise it to the mark you might have made.  
For it might have been 100 if your guesses all were good,  
But I think it must be zero 'till they're rightly understood.*

Final chorus:

*Glory, glory dear old thermo  
Glory, glory dear old thermo  
Glory, glory dear old thermo  
We'll try again next term.*

## Tech Cheers

*E to the U du dx, E to the X dx!*

*Cosine! Secant! Tangent! Sine!*

*3 point 1 4 1 5 9 !*

*Integral, radical,  $\mu$  dv*

*Slipstick, slide rule, M.I.T.!*

*WE ARE HAPPY — TECH IS HELL*

*T-E-C-H-N-O-L*

*O-G-Y*

*TECHNOLOGY! TECHNOLOGY! TECHNOLOGY!*

*TEAM! TEAM! TEAM!*

*M.I.T. RAH! RAH! RAH!*

*M.I.T. RAH! RAH! RAH!*

*M.I.T. RAH! RAH! RAH!*

*Technology! Technology! Technology!*



# Appendix 8 — MIT History

*I doubt not that such a nucleus-school would, with the growth of this active and knowledge seeking community, finally expand into a great institution comprehending the whole field of physical science and the arts with the auxiliary branches of mathematics and modern languages . . .*

— William Barton Rogers, 1846

In 1835 William Barton Rogers was elected to the professorship of Natural Philosophy at the University of Virginia, a chair founded by Thomas Jefferson only ten years before. Rogers, a graduate of William and Mary College, was intensely involved in the emerging science of geology, although he had an enduring interest in all scientific subjects.

During Rogers' eighteen years at the University of Virginia, he became increasingly troubled by bigotry, anti-intellectualism, and sporadic support from the state. In 1845, Rogers, then chairman of the Faculty, was shaken by severe rioting and a decision to close the school for a week.

He had gone on a geological expedition to New England, as well as to meetings in Boston of the Association of American Geologists and Naturalists (later the American Association for the Advancement of Science). He wrote of the "contrast between the region in which I live and the highly cultivated nature and society of glorious New England." Dr. Rogers felt that in the advanced intellectual and industrial climate of Boston a new type of education could be fostered. He left Virginia in 1853 to move here. His dreams finally achieved substance when, on April 10, 1861, the governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed the act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Four days later Fort Sumter was attacked (the two events were probably not related). Although the Civil War impeded Rogers' plan, construction of MIT's first building began in 1863, in a landfill area of the Back Bay, in the estuary of the Charles River.

On February 20, 1865, the first class of fifteen students finally entered. President Rogers taught Physics, as part of a six-man faculty. These first years proved a tribulation on Rogers' health, and in 1868 he had a slight stroke. John D. Runkle was appointed Acting President, and in 1870, upon Dr. Rogers' resignation, succeeded him. Runkle's presidency saw the gradual development of MIT into "Boston Tech". Fiscal problems still plagued the struggling Institute however, and at one time MIT came perilously close to becoming part of Harvard. Harvard's President Eliot developed a plan to merge the two schools, which was resisted by Runkle and the MIT Corporation. Problems with money continued, however, and in 1873 tuition was doubled (to \$200!). President Runkle resigned in 1878, and taught mathematics until 1902.

Following John Runkle, Brigadier General Francis A. Walker became president in 1881. In 1882, he asked William Rogers, then rather old and frail, to award diplomas at the May graduation exercises. Dr. Rogers' health was still poor, and this final tax on his strength proved too much; he collapsed on the podium and died.

MIT continued to grow during the latter part of the nineteenth century, and by 1900 there were 1277 students. In 1906 it became apparent that MIT was fast outgrowing its



Copley Square lodgings, despite the addition of several new buildings. A site committee was formed to search for "Technology's new home." Plans ranged from a golf course in Allston to building an island in the Charles River, until the current site in Cambridge was settled upon. Excavations for the buildings began in September 1913, and the first of 25,000 piles were driven into Cambridge soil on December fourth of that year.

A neo-classical motif was chosen by designer William Welles Bosworth '89 who could hardly contain himself with his plans for "a great white city of majestic proportions that will fitly express the noble ideas of its purpose and the dignity of its work." The central feature of the new complex was to become the great dome, towering 147 feet above street level. Five thousand tons of steel and fifty thousand cubic yards of concrete later, the new Technology was complete.

During its first 60 years, MIT's curriculum was based almost exclusively on architecture and engineering. In 1930 President Karl T. Compton undertook to strengthen the position of science at MIT and to encourage the growth of the graduate school. During the next decade there was a steady increase in both graduate work and research. World War II brought a rapid expansion of research programs and the establishment of the Radiation Laboratory, a major center for the American development of radar. In the national interest the Institute assumed management of major research enterprises such as the Instrumentation Laboratory during the war. These programs fostered a close working cooperation between the Government and the Institute, showing the way for the development of such facilities as the Research Laboratory of Electronics and the Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

When the war ended, MIT continued to hold a central position in education and research pertinent to the fastest-growing areas of the American economy. To its traditional curricula in architecture, engineering and science, the Institute has since added programs in management, economics, political science, psychology, industrial relations and linguistics. Its four-year humanities program for engineering undergraduates is unusual in engineering education, and its four-year double major in the humanities and science or engineering is unique among American universities. MIT's research programs in the social sciences include the Center for International Studies, and there is close cooperation with Harvard University in the operation of the Joint Center for Urban Studies, and the new Biomedical Engineering Program.

Shortly after World War II student enrollment at MIT reached 5000 and since then has continued to increase. Today the MIT campus covers more than 128 acres extending for more than a mile along the Charles River. It is a community of more than 16,000 people, including more than 7500 students, 1000 faculty members and full-time teaching staff, 2000 members of the professional research and administrative staff and 5000 supervisory, clerical, technical and service employees.

The Institute's departments operate more than 70 laboratories on the campus, among them a growing number of interdepartmental laboratories where students and staff from different fields work on problems of mutual interest. The Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington is operated for the Government as a center for defense-related research in electronics and communications. The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge is devoted to the development of flight control and navigation equipment; the nearby Bitter National Magnet Laboratory provides the world's strongest continuous magnetic fields for research on magnetism and basic properties of materials.



MIT was among the first universities to establish programs of study in applied physics, meteorology, food technology, naval architecture and marine engineering, and electrical, aeronautical and sanitary engineering. The Institute was a leader in developing the modern profession of chemical engineering, and the nation's first degree in architecture was given here.

## Books on the History of MIT

*M.I.T. in Perspective*, by Francis E. Wylie, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1975. A glossy coffee-table account of the accomplishments of MIT and its progeny; not comprehensive, but interesting, with lots of pretty pictures.

*The Life and Letters of William Barton Rogers* is a book in two volumes edited by his wife with the assistance of William T. Sedgwick. Houghton-Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, 1896. The definitive biography of MIT's founder.

*Richard Cockburn MacLaurin*, by Henry Greenleaf Pearson, a biography of MIT's sixth president. MacMillan Company, New York, 1937.

*Technology's War Record* is an interpretation of the contribution made by MIT, its staff, former students and undergraduates to the cause of the Allies in World War I. Published by the War Records Committee of the MIT Alumni Association, 1920.

*Q.E.D.: MIT in World War II*, by John E. Burchard. The Technology Press, 1948.

*Mid-Century: The Social Implications of Scientific Progress*, by John E. Burchard. The Technology Press and John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1950. A verbatim account of MIT's great Mid-Century Convocation, March 31, and April 1-2, 1949.

*When MIT Was Boston Tech*, by C. Samuel Prescott. The Technology Press, Cambridge, 1954. A history of MIT from its founding in 1861 through its move to Cambridge in 1916.

*Scientists Against Time*, by James Phinney Baxter III. MIT Press, 1968. An account of the scientific developments of World War II, with a large section on the activities of the Radiation Labs.

*Pieces of the Action*, by Vannevar Bush. An account of the author's experiences with regard to several technological advances, including basic work leading to the development of the computer. This book is not really about MIT, but it does reflect the activities of one of the Institute's leading figures.

For more information on MIT's history, contact the MIT Museum (x3-4444).

*An optimist says, "This is the best of all possible worlds."*

*A pessimist says, "That's right."*

# Appendix 9 — MIT Publications

## List of MIT Publications

### Educational Programs and Instructions

The *Courses and Degree Programs* Issue of the *MIT Bulletin*, published annually about August 1. Information on general Institute requirements, general requirements for graduate degrees, interdisciplinary study and research, departmental programs and requirements, and descriptions of subjects. Also descriptive material about the Institute, about undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities, and about departmental and interdepartmental activities. Intended for use by faculty and students at MIT. (Information Center, 7-121)

The *Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Guide (HASS)* is published each term and contains information on all humanities courses above and beyond the catalog description. (Course XXI office, 14N-409)

The *Summer Session Catalogue Issue* of the *MIT Bulletin*, published annually in February. Complete information concerning academic activities during the Summer Session. (Information Center, 7-121)

The *Guide to IAP Activities*. This catalogue of activities taking place during the January Independent Activities Period is published in early December. Copies are distributed in the lobbies of major campus buildings and can be obtained from the Information Center (7-121) or the IAP Office (7-1081). A weekly timetable of IAP activities is published in *Tech Talk*.

The *Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Directory* contains information for undergraduate students about participating with MIT faculty members in a wide range of research and project activities both on and off campus. (Information Center, 7-121; UROP Office, 20B-141)

The *Undergraduate Seminar Program* is a booklet published every term describing seminars being offered. (Undergraduate Seminar Office, 7-104)

*MIT Today*, an interpretive description of the Institute planned especially for prospective undergraduate students. (Admissions Office, 3-108)

The *Freshman Handbook* carries detailed descriptions of first-year subjects and of registration and counseling procedures for members of the freshman class. It includes information about residence, athletic, and extra-curricular activities. (Undergraduate Academic Support Office, 7-104)

*Rules and Regulations of the Faculty* is the official statement of the organization and operation of the faculty, its rules and regulations. Published by the Registrar's Office. (Information Office, 7-121)



*Class Schedules* and *Typical Course Schedules* are published prior to each term. (Registrar's Office, E19-335)

The *Guide for Undergraduates and Faculty Counselors*. This booklet, published every few years by the Committee on Academic Performance, is intended to be a summary of information concerning the grading system, Institute requirements, registration procedures, and other administrative aspects of MIT, including detailed information concerning policies and procedures followed by the CAP. (Information Center, 7-121; CAP Office, 7-101)

The *Graduate School Manual* is the definitive statement of organization, policies, and procedures applicable to graduate instruction. (Dean of the Graduate School, 3-136)

The *Degrees Awarded* publication, published every September, February, and June, contains names of persons receiving degrees awarded by MIT. (Registrar's Office, E19-335)

The *Wellesley-MIT Exchange: Guide for MIT Students*, published in December and April of each year, summarizes procedures for participating in the program on the Wellesley campus. (Wellesley-MIT Exchange Office, 7-108)

*MIT Press Catalog*, plus several supplements, lists and describes the books published each year. (MIT Press, E32, x3-7297)

## Annual Reports

The *Report of the President and the Chancellor* to the MIT Corporation, first published 1871-72, is published annually in *Tech Talk* about November 1. A larger edition including the reports of the deans, department heads, vice presidents, and heads of major laboratories is published later in the month. (Information Center, 7-121)

The *Report of the Treasurer* to the MIT Corporation, published annually in October, is a report of operations, gifts, plant facilities, and investments of the preceding fiscal year. (Comptroller's Accounting Office, E19-572)

## Benefit Plans and Personnel Policies

The *Benefits Program for Faculty and Staff* is a summary of insurance, health services, retirement plans, and other staff benefit programs. (Benefits Office, E19-434)

*Major Medical Insurance* outlines details of the major medical expense coverage. (Benefits Office, E19-434)

*Children's Scholarship Plan* is a leaflet describing the assistance available to members of the faculty and staff with children in college. (Benefits Office, E19-434)

## Administrative Policies

*Purchasing Policy and Procedures*, a brief handbook on purchasing regulations. (E19-315)

*Catalogue of Laboratory Supplies* and *Electronic Stockroom Catalogue*, price lists of supplies and equipment regularly stocked by the Office of Laboratory Supplies. (Office of Laboratory Supplies, 4-364)

## HowToGAMIT

*Catalogue of Office Supplies and Furniture*, price list of supplies regularly stocked by the Office of Laboratory Supplies. (Office of Laboratory Supplies, 4-364)

*Petty Cash Policy*, instructions for supervisors who wish to maintain a petty cash account. (Comptroller, E19-572)

*Accident Prevention Guide*, a handbook on safe procedures for handling chemicals, machinery, and other materials. (Safety Engineer, E19-207)

*Guide for the Preparation and Submission of Research Proposals*, prepared to assist faculty members in the preparation of proposals for externally sponsored research programs and to facilitate the administrative review and transmittal of such proposals. (Office of Sponsored Programs, E19-702)

*Guide to MIT's Administrative Offices*, a guide to office procedures at the Institute. (Office of Personnel Development, E18-320)

*Travel Expense Policies*, policies and procedures covering reimbursement of travel expenses incurred in the performance of Institute business. (Comptroller, E19-572)

## Directories

These directories are intended for authorized use by Institute personnel only. They should not be made available for advertising, placement, or other commercial use.

*Institute Telephone Directory*, office and home telephones and addresses of faculty, staff, and employees, published in the late fall. (Telecommunications Office, E19-741 and the Mail Room, 24-007)

The *Student Directory*, term addresses and telephones, home addresses, and class and course information, published in October. (Information Center, 7-121)

The *Directory of Foreign Students*. (International Students' Office, 5-106)

The *Alumni Register*, a complete roster of all alumni, published periodically. (Alumni Association, 10-110)

## Periodical Publications

*Tech Talk* is published every Wednesday by the News Office (5-111, x3-2701). This is the MIT community newspaper, directed at students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It has absorbed the Institute Calendar, which lists up-coming events.

*Technology Review* is published monthly except July, September, and November by the Alumni Association. It carries articles on social issues and contemporary technology in addition to news about alumni and MIT. (10-140)

## Guides

The *Guide to the MIT Libraries*, a description of library facilities and how to use them. (Director of Libraries, 14S-200)

The *Guide for the Handicapped*, a map and digest of general information about MIT especially for the physically handicapped. Provided by the Planning Office. (Information Office, 7-121)



The *MIT Tactile Map*, a map of the MIT campus for the non-sighted, including a braille directory and an audio cassette describing the map's use. (Planning Office)

*You and MIT*, a handbook of general information for new employees in the hourly and biweekly categories. (Benefits Office, E19-434)

## Student Life and Activities

*HowToGAMIT* (How To Get Around MIT) is useful to all new members of the Institute community. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the Boston area and student life at the Institute. \$3.00 from Technology Community Association (W20-450).

*Undergraduate Residence at MIT* has material on undergraduate living groups (prepared by the living groups themselves). It is published annually by the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (7-104) and mailed to incoming freshmen.

*Graduate Residence*, published annually in the spring, describes residence facilities available to graduate students. (Dean for Student Affairs, 7-133)

The *Freshman Picturebook* contains pictures of the freshman class. (Technology Community Association, W20-450)

*Getting Acquainted: A Book of Information About MIT and the Boston Area* complements *HowtoGAMIT*. It includes chapters on getting a job, setting up a household, childcare, education, shopping, finding friends, entertainment, medical care, and consumer protection, and is available in E23-376 for \$3.50.

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*Print is the sharpest and the strongest weapon of our party.*  
— Stalin



*The following items have been excerpted from recent first-year Graduate Qualifying Examinations. They are published here as a public service for the edification of those undergraduates planning to attend graduate school.*

*Instructions: Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time limit 4 hours. You may begin immediately.*

*Medicine: You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected.*

*Public Speaking: Twenty-five hundred riot-crazed Aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them.*

*Engineering: The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In ten minutes a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to your room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.*

*Music: Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with a flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.*

*Political Science: There is a telephone on the desk beside you. Start World War III. Report on its sociopolitical effects, if any.*

*Biology: Create life. Estimate the difference in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effects on the English parliamentary system.*

*Management Science: Define Management. Define Science. How do they relate? Why? Create a generalized algorithm to optimize all managerial decisions. Implement your algorithm on either a GE 645, CDC 7600, IBM 360/195, or PDP 8. Your program should include all the software necessary to support 100 interactive consoles.*

*Extra Credit: Define the universe. Give three examples.*

— “The Last Word” from *thursday*

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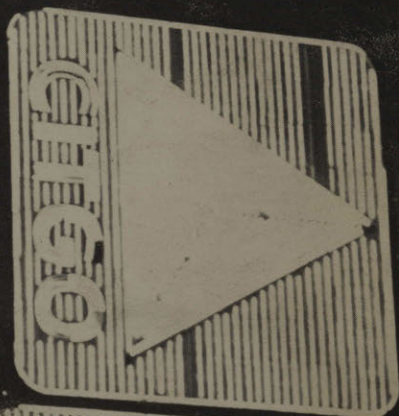
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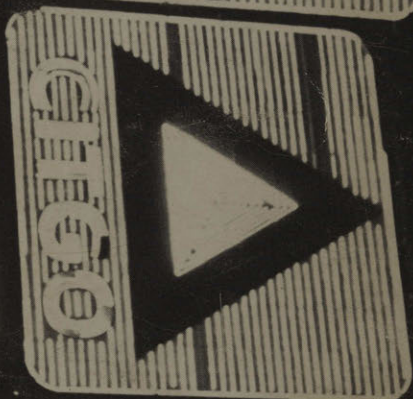
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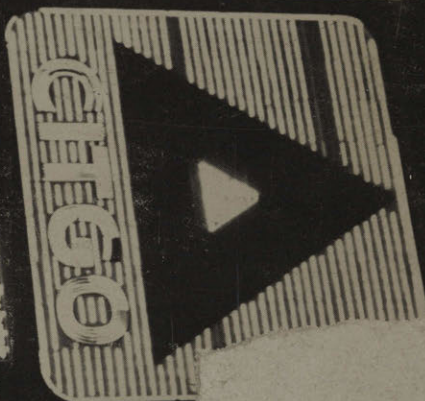




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